

Copeland Homes Steering Group: Membership & Terms of Reference

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Summary :

To inform the Panel of recent developments with the proposed Copeland Homes Steering Group and to invite members comments that will be fed back to the Head of Housing & Community Services at Home North West.

1. Introduction

Members will recall that Home Group have proposed the creation of a Copeland Homes Steering Group to replace the Copeland Homes Board when that is disbanded at the end of 2010.

2. Information

The Strategic Housing Panel have previously considered the proposed membership of the Steering Group and expressed their view that two only tenant representatives among a Group of six people were too few for the diverse and dispersed nature of the stock that was transferred to Copeland Homes in 2004. Members took the view that tenant representation should be greater.

3. Recent Developments

I reported the Panel's views to Home North West's Head of Housing & Community services, who replied on 6 July 2010 as follows.

"This is great feedback. I have discussed it with our Company Secretary and we are proposing to increase the customer membership of the Steering Group to 4 members (50% of the membership). Would you put this proposal to the next Strategic Housing Panel meeting please Laurie and let me have their feedback?"

In addition, we are considering how the Community Investment Fund will be monitored beyond December 2010 and we are proposing to include this within the terms of reference for the Copeland Homes Steering Group so that both customers and Copeland BC can ensure that we fulfil our commitment to deliver the investment fund up to March 2014. Could you also consider this proposal at your next meeting please?

Our company secretary will re-draft the terms of reference on receipt of your feedback on these two points and I will also be discussing them with Copeland Homes Board on 22 July 2010."

4. **Conclusion**

This seems an encouraging and positive development. I should be grateful if the Panel would give me their response, which I will report to the Head of Housing & Community Services at Home North West.