

SPECIAL STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 MARCH 2012 at 2:00pm

Present: Councillors George Clements (Chairman); Jon Downie;
Reg Heathcote; Alan Jacob; Sam Pollen and Peter Stephenson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Whalley.

Officers: Laurie Priebe, Housing Services Manager; Debbie Cochrane, Housing Policy Manager; Kate Skillicorn, Housing Research & Policy Officer and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also present:

SH 46/11 Minutes

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SH 47/11 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Councillor George Clements declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 (Performance Monitoring Report) due to having family that should have gone through an Immigration Inspection

SH 48/11 New Homes Bonus

The Panel considered the draft protocol for use of the New Homes Bonus in Copeland.

It was stated that the figure of £14,968 quoted in the report for the amount received from Government, was now approximately £33k and was a cumulative total. The amount received each year being available for a 6 year period.

RESOLVED – That the draft New Homes Bonus protocol be regarded as one to go forward with and recommended that it be reviewed initially after two years, followed by annual reviews.

SH 49/11 Performance Report

The Housing Policy Manager introduced the Performance Monitoring Report to the Panel, which was followed by a question and answer session.

RESOLVED – That the update be received.

SH 50/11 Copeland Housing Strategy 2011-2015 : Draft Year 2 Delivery Plan

The Copeland Housing Strategy 2011-2015; Draft year 2 Delivery Plan was considered in detail by the Panel and a number of additions and alterations suggested.

Once updated, the draft Year 2 Delivery Plan of the Copeland Housing Strategy would be taken to a meeting of the Copeland Housing Partnership, further updated and be an agenda item for a future meeting of this Panel.

Members were advised that any further comments would be welcome.

RESOLVED – That the draft Year 2 Delivery Plan of the Copeland Housing Strategy be updated with the comments made.

SH 51/11 Key Housing Issues in Cumbria

Following a request made at a previous meeting of this Panel, a report outlining the main housing issues in Cumbria was provided to Members.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.55pm

Chairman

Date