

STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2010

Present: Councillors G Clements, Chairman; J Bowman; A Jacob; J Jackson; J G Sunderland

Officers: L Priebe, Housing Services Manager; D Cochrane, Housing Policy Manager; D James, Member Services Officer

Apologies for absence: Councillors R Pitt & Mrs C Watson and J Betteridge

SH 25 Minutes of the Meetings

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2010 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SH 26 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Clements declared a Personal Interest in the agenda items due to being a Board Member of Copeland Homes.

Councillor Sunderland declared a Personal Interest in agenda items 6 & 12 due to being a Private Landlord.

SH 27 Strategic Housing Bi-Monthly Report

Consideration was given to a report detailing progress in the implementation of the Strategic Housing Improvement Action Plan.

During consideration of this item it was noted that action 1.2 – To Ensure the website is customer focused had been rescheduled to October and Members asked that if this is not achieved by this time then IT/Communications be asked to the November meeting to give a presentation on progress made with the web site.

SH 28 Copeland Homes Steering Group

An update, via an email sent to the Housing Services Manager, on progress made with regard to the setting up of the Copeland Homes Steering Group which would succeed the Copeland Homes Board which is to be disbanded on the 31 December 2010.

It was noted that a recommendation would need to be made to Council for two members to be nominated onto the new Steering Group .

It was noted that A Thorn from Copeland Homes would be attending the October meeting to discuss Voids and Fuel Poverty.

RESOLVED – That a) the update be noted; and

b) Council be recommended to appoint two Members to the Copeland Homes Steering Group.

SH 29 Letter to the Audit Commission

The letter to the District Audits letter of the 29 June 2010 regarding the Copeland Strategic Housing re-Inspection was submitted and noted.

SH 30 Strategic Housing Service Review 2010/11

A report was submitted and noted detailing work done on the Strategic Housing Service Review up to the end of July 2010.

SH 31 How Legislative Powers Support Statutory Duties

A report was considered and noted on how the legislative powers supported statutory duties of the Council.

During consideration of this item it was felt that this could be the subject of a presentation to a future meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

SH 32 Housing Capital Programme Monitoring

A report was submitted and noted on monitoring progress of the Housing Capital programme 2010/11.

SH 33 The Health impact of Poor Housing

The Local Government Regulation Councillor briefing note on The Health Impact of Poor Housing was submitted and noted.

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm

Chairman

Date