

Housing & Community Safety Select Committee

A meeting of Housing & Community Safety Select Committee was held on Thursday, 15th February, 2007.

Present: Cllr J M Roberts (Chairman), Cllr D T Brown, Cllr Mrs S Fletcher, Cllr M Frankland, Cllr T Laing, Cllr Mrs E A Nesbitt, Cllr W Noble, Cllr R Rix, Cllr S F Walmsley, Cllr B Woodhead.

Officers: C Wood (DNS); P K Bell, P J Mennear, J Trainer (LD).

Also in attendance: T Monkhouse, D Pickard (Tristar Homes Ltd); Cllr Leonard (Cabinet Member for Housing).

Apologies: Cllr Jones, Cllr Teasdale, Cllr Mrs Trainer.

1034 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Roberts declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item no.4 - The Development of Choice Based Lettings as she was a member of the Tristar Homes Management Board.

Councillor Woodhead declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item no.4 - The Development of Choice Based Lettings as he was a member of the Tristar Homes Management Board.

Councillor Leonard declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item no.4 - The Development of Choice Based Lettings as he was a member of the Tristar Homes Management Board.

Councillor Brown declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item no.4 - The Development of Choice Based Lettings as he was a member of the Tristar Homes Management Board.

Councillor Frankland declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item no.4 - The Development of Choice Based Lettings as he had a family member that worked for Tristar Homes Ltd.

Councillor Mrs Nesbitt declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item no.4 - The Development of Choice Based Lettings as she had a family member that worked for Tristar Homes Ltd.

1035 Draft minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2007

Consideration was given to the content of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2007 prior to their submission to Council.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2007 be submitted to Council.

1036 The Development of Choice Based Lettings

Members were presented with a report produced by Tristar Homes which

highlighted 3 different options available for implementing a Choice Based Lettings scheme in Stockton Borough.

The report also detailed:-

1. The shape of service delivery
2. Use of single access point to services
3. Existing staff
4. The use of existing offices
5. Options of cost delivery
6. Proposed consultation
7. I.T system
8. Project Plan

Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the 3 Options that had been presented to them.

Members felt that the preferred Option would be Option 3 with the inclusion of a sub regional approach and a One Stop Shop. Members also felt that all the relevant financial work should be carried out.

Option 3 would be a sub regional approach as per the ongoing project. It would give a common over-arching policy framework with partners having the further option to adjust according to their local areas. Erimus Housing Policy had already been presented and in the main adopted.

Members then agreed that the Scrutiny Officer prepare a draft report on the Development of Choice Based Lettings. The report would then be considered at the next meeting of the Committee due to be held on 2nd March 2007.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. Option 3 for implementing a Choice Based Lettings scheme in Stockton Borough as detailed above be the preferred option.
2. A draft report on the Development of Choice Based Lettings be prepared and submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

1037 Work Programme 2007/08

Members were informed that the following Work Programme for the Committee for the 2007/08 Municipal Year had been agreed by the Executive Scrutiny Committee:-

Neighbourhood Enforcement Service

Homelessness for young people including young people leaving care

CONCLUDED that the above information be noted.

