

Housing and Community Safety Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 26 September 2006

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

Review of Tristar

The finalised report went to Tristar Board on 25 August. The Committee's comments on progress against the original review's recommendations and suggestions for further improvement were accepted, and the Board thanked the Committee for their help and support.

It is anticipated that the report will go to Cabinet on 5 October.

Scrutiny Review of the Development of Choice Based Lettings

The Committee held a meeting on 14 September. Evidence was received in the form of a presentation from the Housing Options Manager (SBC) and the Housing Services Manager (THL). After this, the scope and project plan for the review were agreed. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee will be combined with a site visit to Erimus Housing in Middlesbrough.

By having a scene-setting presentation first the Committee were able to make more informed decisions on the content of the scope and project plan and this could be considered for future reviews.

Timescale for Review

The Review of Tristar concluded ahead of schedule, allowing the Choice Based Lettings review to start one month earlier than planned. The approved project plan for the Choice Based Lettings Review has programmed in a finish date of March next year (scope and project plan attached).