

## **Housing and Community Safety Select Committee**

### **Review of the Development of Choice Based Lettings (CBL)**

#### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 19 December 2006**

##### **Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)**

- **Development of Choice Based Lettings:**

On 23 November, the Committee received summaries of the evidence gained during the site visits to Newcastle and Middlesbrough. Dave Pickard (Tristar Homes) was in attendance, and points of clarification were addressed.

On 8 December, a special meeting was held in order to gain further evidence on the sub-regional Choice Based Lettings agenda from Julia Kett (Tees Valley Choice Based Lettings Co-ordinator). Members received a copy of a Feasibility Study into the proposed Tees Valley scheme, as produced by Mrs Kett.

It has been agreed that Caroline Wood (Housing Options) will produce a skeleton CBL policy setting out the statutory requirements together with the options where the Committee can exercise discretion; alongside this, Tristar are to produce options for the delivery of a future policy. The Committee will use both pieces of work when formulating recommendations. Tristar are also taking the lead with early consultation efforts and the results will be fed to the committee.

- **Police Performance:**

Superintendent Dave Brunskill (District Commander, Cleveland Police) was present at the meeting on 23 November in order to present the Committee with the first of what will be an annual report on police performance. Members were pleased with the format and a similar meeting will be arranged for April in order to link with the production of annual police performance figures. Mike Batty (Head of Community Protection) also attended.

##### **Timescale for Review**

The review is on schedule with a view to the final report being presented to Cabinet in March 2007.