

Proposed Constitutional Amendment – Vela Group

1. Following the transfer of Stockton Council's housing stock to Tristar Homes on 13 December 2010 as an organisation independent of the Council, and the establishment of the Vela Group as the 'holding company' of which Tristar Homes and Housing Hartlepool are the 'operating companies', it is timely for the Partnership to review representation from Tristar/Vela.
2. Dave Pickard, the Group Director of Operations for Vela, has expressed an interest in joining the Partnership. Geoff Lee is the current representative of Tristar Homes. Members of the Partnership will be aware that Tristar/Vela have significant concentrations of homes in some of our high crime Wards (Stockton Town Centre, Parkfield & Oxbridge, Mandale & Victoria, Newtown and Hardwick), and that the Tristar/Vela stock accounts for a disproportionately high level of crime, notably dwelling burglary and domestic violence.
3. It is RECOMMENDED that the Partnership's constitution be amended to add at Section 4 (c) (xxv) "The Vela Group" (This would be in addition to the existing Tristar Homes representation).