

Time began: 09:00

Time ended: 10:05

NEIGHBOURHOOD, SOCIAL COHESION AND HOUSING STRATEGY CABINET MEMBER MEETING

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2007

Present: Councillor Nath

14/07 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Phil Davies, Derby Homes

15/07 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were none

16/07 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

17/07 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2007 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Non-Key Decisions

18/07 Derby Homes Asset Management Strategy

The Cabinet Member received a report outlining Derby Homes Asset Management Strategy, developed in conjunction with the 30 year Housing Revenue Account business plan. The report described the strategy and timeframe for refurbishment, as well as the financial implications of meeting the proscribed Government standards for repair and refurbishment work.

Resolved to note the report and approve the asset management strategy.

19/07 Furnished Tenancy Scheme

The Cabinet Member received a report outlining the new Furnished Tenancy Scheme. The new scheme has been introduced to simplify the current arrangement and to make furnished tenancies more accessible through a two tiered system of provision of furniture packs. It was also hoped that the new scheme would prevent people falling into the 'benefit trap' in terms of accepting work. The new scheme would be reviewed after an 18 month period

to allow for a full 12 month picture to enable proper mapping of the financial impact of the scheme, and a further 6 months to collate the information and report back.

Resolved to:

- 1. approve the introduction of new simplified Furniture Packs for tenants undertaking new tenancies, as detailed below**
- 2. review the operation of the new furniture packs in 18 months time to check that the impact of change is as expected**

MINUTES END