



NEIGHBOURHOOD, SOCIAL COHESION AND HOUSING STRATEGY CABINET MEMBER MEETING

THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2007

Report of the Derby Homes Director of Housing
and Customer Service

USE AND HIRE OF SUPPORTED LIVING COMMUNITY ROOMS

RECOMMENDATION

1. To approve the revised policy on use and hire of supported living community rooms.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 In August 2007, Derby Homes Local Housing Boards considered a report outlining proposals to formalise the booking and hiring of community rooms in sheltered housing (supported living schemes).
- 2.2 The Local Boards welcomed the report and agreed to refer to the Neighbourhood, Social Cohesion and Housing Strategy Co-ordination meeting for approval.
- 2.3 The booking and hiring of community rooms in sheltered housing schemes was last reviewed in 2004. Changes to the Supported Living Service means that Support Officers are not scheme based and the responsibility for co-ordinating and promoting use community rooms is the responsibility of the Communal facilities Co-coordinator. It necessary and timely to review the policy on the use and hire of community rooms.
- 2.4 The policy aims to promote the use of community rooms for all tenants of Supported Living Schemes, proposes a charging structure for room hire based on these principles and outlines how the booking process will operate. The hire agreement/booking form aims to formalise how bookings are made and will reform groups and individuals of their responsibilities.

The policy is attached (Appendix 1).

- 2.5 Consultation has been undertaken through the SHOUT group who are supportive of the proposal and have directly input into the hire conditions and booking form.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 3.1 The policy aims to promote the use of community rooms to all supported living service users and to the wider community.

IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None arising in this report.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Policy on the Use and Hire of Supported Living Community Rooms