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NEIGHBOURHOOD, SOCIAL COHESION AND HOUSING STRATEGY CABINET MEMBER MEETING

FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2007

Present: Councillor Nath

In attendance Councillor Turner and Wynn

17/06 Apologies

There were none.

18/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were none.

19/06 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

20/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2007 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

21/06 Report of the Community Commission – Derby Homes New Build – Interim Report on the Approach to ‘Pepper Potting’

The Cabinet Member received an interim report from the Community Commission. An updated version of the document was tabled which gave effect to rewording agreed at a recent meeting of the Commission.

Councillor Wynn attended the meeting at the request of the Leader as the report covered planning as well as housing and spoke on this item. Councillor Turner attended as Chair of the Community Commission.

The Cabinet Member was asked to endorse the views of the Community Commission

1.a) That In existing areas of social housing where clearance was proposed to make way for new build the aspiration should be to have no net loss in the number of affordable units. Therefore the number of units demolished should be the minimum number to be replaced. If that could not be delivered within the foot print that would suggest more land was needed elsewhere

1.b) Further, the wisdom of increasing housing density should be very seriously examined in full partnership with residents. This was because the loss of private open space to more housing was likely to result in the creation of additional social problems. In existing areas of social housing in the City, part of the present total of private open space within the footprint might, with rebuilding, be better used for residents by being used for public - or communally controlled - open space.

2) The design and siting of affordable units needed to be appropriate both for local needs and globally across the City as a whole.

3.) The Derby Homes new build units should not look out of place or be instantly identifiable as social housing and the Commission would wish to see this addressed in a future report about the scheme.

4.) It was essential that the funding and legal avenues used ensure that the homes built remained available and affordable which for rented properties meant preventing an occupant from acquiring the right to buy or right to acquire.

Resolved to endorse the proposals but to investigate further the concerns expressed.

22/06 Rosehill Project Management Structure

The Cabinet Member received a report from the Corporate Director of Resources and Housing which set out the proposed project management and delivery structure for the Rosehill Housing Market Renewal.

Resolved to approve the Rosehill project management structure.

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