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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD, SOCIAL COHESION AND HOUSING STRATEGY CABINET MEMBER MEETING**

**FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2007**

Present: Councillor Nath

11/06 Apologies

There were none.

12/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were none.

13/06 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

14/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2006 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

15/06 Space and Amenity Standards for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)

The Cabinet Member received a report from the Director Resources and Housing.

It was noted that officers had worked closely with Nottingham and Leicester to produce the Space and Amenity Standards. The Standards also met the Governments prescribed Standards regarding bathroom facilities.

The Cabinet Member queried who had been consulted on the proposed Standards and noted that they had been taken to DASH and Landlords had seen them.

Councillor Nath was pleased to note in response to his questions that the Standards could be reviewed in future and that they mainly followed best practice.

### **Resolved to**

- 1. approve the Space and Amenity Standards for HMOs contained in Appendix 2 of the report and;**
- 2. ask officers to ensure Planning colleagues are aware of the Standards in order that they can advise developers when creating new HMO buildings.**

16/06 Fire Safety in Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and other Dwellings

The Cabinet Member received a report from the Director Resources and Housing.

It was noted that the Fire Service had been consulted on the proposals.

It was noted that Landlords were not being offered assistance to meet the minimum legal standards. Information for Landlords was available on the Website and they had been informed on a Council run training course about their responsibilities.

**Resolved to approve the document 'Fire Safety Guide for HMOs and other dwellings' dated 11 September 2006 as Council Policy for the purpose of enforcing fire safety standards in Private Sector Dwellings throughout the City of Derby.**

**MINUTES END**