# NEIGHBOURHOOD, SOCIAL COHESION AND HOUSING STRATEGY CABINET MEMBER MEETING

### FRIDAY 13 APRIL 2007

Present: Councillor Nath

23/06 Apologies

There were none.

24/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were none.

25/06 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

26/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2007 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 27/06 Housing Act 2004 Part 1: Power to charge for certain enforcement action

The Cabinet Member received a report regarding the Housing Act Part 1: Power to charge for certain enforcement action. It was reported that Section 49 of the Housing Act 2004 provided a power for Local Housing Authorities to make such reasonable charges as considered appropriated as a means of recovering certain administrative and other costs incurred. Details of the costs able to claim were included in the report.

It was recommended that a standard charge of £200 be set which would be less than the actual expense incurred in undertaking enforcement action and was felt therefore to be reasonable in the Council's opinion.

### **Resolved:**

- 1. to approve the standard charge of £200 as a means of recovering certain administrative and other costs incurred in connection with certain enforcement action under Part 1 of the Housing Act 2004.
- 2. to authorise the Assistant Director Housing and Advice Services to undertake a review of this charge annually and alter the level of charge accordingly.

#### MINUTES END