

ITEM 4

Time commenced – 6.22pm
Time finished – 8:23pm

COMMUNITY REGENERATION COMMISSION 19 JANUARY 2006

Present: Councillor Jones (in the Chair)
Councillors Blanksby, Higginbottom, Richards, Rawson, Samra and
Smalley
Canon MacDonald – Co-opted Member

Also present: Councillors Bayliss and Nath

74/05 Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Redfern.

75/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit an item on Derby Homes Service Access Review Proposed Closure of Local Housing Offices to enable the consultation process to continue without delay.

76/05 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Richards declared a personal interest in minute number 77/05 Derby homes Service Access Review Proposed Closure of Local Housing Offices as he was a Derby Homes tenant and a member of the Millennium Network.

Councillors Bayliss declared a personal interest in minute number 77/05 Derby Homes Service Access Review Proposed Closure of Local Housing Offices as he was a Derby Homes Board Member.

77/05 Derby Homes Service Access Review Proposed Closure of Local Housing Offices

The Commission considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Social Inclusion on the Derby Homes Service Access Review proposed closure of Local Housing Offices. It was reported that the proposal was to close three local housing offices, those being Littleover, Chellaston and Spondon. The report also detailed that Derby Homes had been asked to carry out further consultations on the closure of three of the limited opening offices at Cowsley Chaddesden Park and Osmaston. The Best Value Service Access Review concluded that there was no longer a justification for sustaining 15 local offices. Details of why the three offices to be closed were no longer viable were contained in the report.

Resolved:

- 1. to reluctantly accept the proposed closure of the Littleover, Chellaston and Spondon local housing offices**
- 2. to receive further information on the outreach work currently undertaken and how that is expanded through the resources released by the closures/reductions in opening hours**
- 3. to receive a report detailing contacts made by the users of the closed offices covering personal visits, telephone calls and home visits and request that this information be taken in to consideration when the decision is taken on the other offices being considered for closure**
- 4. to request that the Commission receive the report on the possible future closure of the Cowley, Chaddesden Park and Osmaston Local Housing Offices as soon as it is available**

78/05 Draft Revenue Budget 2006/7

The Commission received a presentation on the Draft Revenue Budget for 2006/7 from Councillor Bayliss, Council Cabinet member for Community Services, Regeneration and E-Government. The Commission were given the opportunity to ask questions on the aspects of the budget that came under the remit of the Community Regeneration Commission. The Commission were also asked to consider the best ways of using the unallocated public priority spending.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the budget and note that some members raised concerns**
- 2. to request that the Commission be consulted on the best ways of using the unallocated public priority funding, once the final figure is known**
- 3. to request that the Commission be kept informed of the situation with NEAT and if it does come to an end, be informed of what it has been replaced by**

79/05 Call-In

There were no call ins.

MINUTES END