

Time began: 9.01 am
Time ended: 9.14 am

HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2010

Present: Councillor Troup

05/09 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

06/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items received.

07/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

08/09 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2009 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Non-Key Decisions

09/09 Fire safety in housing

A report from the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services on fire safety in housing was considered.

The cabinet member was provided with a background to the guidance on fire safety in houses used by the Council. This included that a publication by Decent and Safe Homes (DASH) East Midlands entitled 'Fire Safety in Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Dwellings' had been adopted as Council policy on 2 February 2007. This had been superseded by a publication by Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services (LACORS) entitled 'Housing – Fire Safety. Guidance on fire safety provisions for certain types of existing housing'. In addition, DASH had subsequently produced further guidance, entitled 'Fire Safety Plans for Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Dwellings'.

It was reported that the advent of the Housing Act and Fire Safety Order had meant there was a need for fire safety guidance to be consolidated. The cabinet member sought clarification on the roles and responsibilities of the Council and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service. It was explained that a Fire Safety Protocol clarifying these responsibilities was in place.

Resolved that the content of the following documents be adopted as Council policy for the purpose of enforcing fire safety in private sector dwellings:

- **‘Housing – Fire Safety. Guidance on fire safety provisions for certain types of existing housing’, published by Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory in July 2008.**
- **‘Fire Safety Plans for Houses in Multiple Occupation and Other Dwellings’, published by Decent and Safe Homes in February 2009.**

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