

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.25pm

**COMMUNITY REGENERATION COMMISSION
10 MAY 2005**

Present: Councillor Bayliss (in the Chair)
Councillors Blanksby, Chera, Higginbottom, Lowe, Richards and Willitts
Canon MacDonald – Co-opted Member
Barry Seagrave - Unison

Also present: Councillors P. Berry and Samra

82/04 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brown and Mr S Kazmi.

83/04 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

84/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Richards declared a personal interest in minute number 88/04 Community Grants Budget as he was a member of the Derby Millennium Network. Councillors Bayliss and Lowe declared personal interests in minute number 89/04 Derby Homes' Performance Monitoring – Quarter 3 2004/05, as they were Council appointed board members of Derby Homes.

85/04 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to Canon MacDonald being added to the attendance list and the wording in minute number 81/04 on the Redevelopment of the Derbyshire housing blocks being changed to 'Redevelopment of the Derbyshire housing blocks and to invite the three Spondon members to attend for this item, which should be taken with the Isle of Wight blocks if that report is also available'.

Matter referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

**86/04 Redevelopment of the Derbyshire Blocks,
Arnhern Terrace, Spondon**

A report of the Director of Policy was considered which set out the options being investigated for the redevelopment of the 'Derbyshire Blocks'. Ian Fullagar, Housing Strategy and Performance Manager, presented the report and detailed the progress made so far.

Councillor P. Berry commented that the main problem was the uncertainty the current tenants felt. People wanted to know when the move and demolition was going to happen and what sort of housing was going to be built in its place. He also commented that it was important that affordable housing be given priority.

Councillor Richards asked what sort of consultation was to be done. Jayne Peapell replied that she had already started speaking to residents regarding their needs. 51 of the properties were currently occupied by long term tenants, some of which had been there for 30 years, so profiling of these tenants was being done to find out what they would require for when they moved. The Homefinder service was being used so that tenants, who would mainly be in band 2 under the Allocation Policy, could search for themselves as well.

Councillor Chera commented that it was important, when the site was cleared, that the new development should happen as soon as possible afterwards so the land was not left empty.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report**
- 2. to request that the proposals be implemented as a matter of urgency.**

Items for Discussion

87/04 Implementation of Previous Topic Reviews – Social Inclusion and the Physical Environment – Progress Report.

The Commission considered a progress report by the Director of Development and Cultural Services on the implementation of the Social Inclusion and the Physical Environment Topic Review. It was reported that some areas were going well, while other areas were not and so still needed to be worked on.

Councillor Blanksby commented that the recommendation of land stewardship had not been implemented as there were areas he was aware of that were still in a bad state. Jonathan Guest, Director of Development and Cultural Services agreed to look at the issues raised.

Councillor Bayliss commented that good husbandry of property was important and that the Council should take the lead in making sure our properties were well maintained.

Resolved

- 1. to note the report**

2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that it ensures swifter progress be made a) generally on implementing those recommendations within the direct control of the Council and b) specifically in connection with enhancing land stewardship to improve the visual appeal of buildings and land.

88/04 Community Grants Budget Review

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Policy regarding the Community Grants Budget Review. Isabella Stone, Assistant Director of Community Policy, presented the report and detailed the changes to the Community Grants Budget criteria, which were made because the existing criteria were too vague and created situations where applicants were not sure which grant they should be applying for.

Councillor Bayliss asked where organisations concerned with social inclusion would go if they no longer came within the criteria. Isabella Stone responded that the new criteria would not preclude that type of organisation but would clarify the purpose and type of eligible service. If an application was not appropriate for a grant from the Community Grants Budget, it could be eligible for a grant from another source, which they would be signposted to by officers who had knowledge of the range of grants and the criteria for them.

Councillor Bayliss suggested it was important to make it clear to applicants that they need to fulfil just one of the criteria listed, not all of them and that there was no hierarchy in terms of one criterion being better than another. Isabella Stone agreed to clarify this in the letter which was sent out with the application pack.

Resolved to note the report.

Matter referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

89/04 Derby Homes' Performance Monitoring – Quarter 3 - 2004/05

The Commission received a report of the Director of Policy regarding the Derby Homes' Performance Monitoring for quarter 3 - 2004/05.

Resolved to note the report.

90/04 Call-in

There were no call-ins.

Items for Discussion

91/04 Performance Eye

The Commission received an oral update from Rob Davison, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer, on Performance Eye. He informed the Commission that the fourth quarter information would be available subsequent to the meeting. It was also reported that Performance Eye would be re-launched in the next few weeks.

Resolved to note the report.

92/04 Topic Reviews for 2005/06

The Commission received a report from the Director of Corporate Services on topic reviews for 2005/06. Four options had been put forward which were detailed in the report.

Resolved to note the report and to discuss at the next meeting or refer to successor commissions.

Responses of the Council Cabinet to any report of the Commission

93/04 Derbyloans

The Commission considered a minute extract from Council Cabinet on 5 April 2005 on Derbyloans, which stated that Council Cabinet had agreed to receive a further report at 14 June 2005 meeting which would respond to the Commission's recommendation and which would include a financial evaluation of Derbyloans. Isabella Stone, Assistant Director Community Policy, reported that Councillor Samra had held a meeting with Andrew Baker of Derbyloans about the company's financial position. The company was sound for the short term but not for the long term. David Enticott, Head of Technical Finance, was going to gather figures on the current and future financial position of the company, which would be included in the report for Council Cabinet on 14 June.

Councillor Bayliss commented that, hopefully, the company would eventually be viable in its own right. Councillor Richards asked whether the company gathered data on the ethnicity of the applicants. It was agreed to ask Andrew Baker for this information.

Resolved to note the report

Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

94/04 Draft Crime and Disorder and Young People Action Plan

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Policy on the draft Crime and Disorder and Young People Action Plan. Sue Glithero presented the report, which had been approved in principle by Council Cabinet subject to any comments by the Commission.

Councillor Higginbottom asked whether the wording on item 1 could be changed so that other funding options could be considered. She felt that the wording closed the door on other funding opportunities. Sue Glithero responded that it was not the intention to close the door to other funding opportunities so she would look at changing the wording of this item.

Resolved to note the report.

95/04 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

Resolved that the Commission should consider the following key decisions in the Forward Plan at the most appropriate time.

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Item</u>
47/04	Anti-Social Behaviour Powers
127/04	Market Testing Housing Responsive Maintenance Work
205/03	Sale of Land, Leytonstone Drive, Mackworth
67/04	Private Sector Housing Area Renewal Programme
117/04	Redevelopment of the Isle of Wight Blocks, Alvaston – to approve the options being investigated by Officers.
133/04	Redevelopment of Britannia Court

MINUTES END