

## RECORD OF DECISIONS

### HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

At the Meeting of the Housing and Community Services Committee held on 7th February 2008, the following decisions were taken.

Urgent decisions or those exempt from call-in are indicated in the third column of the table. These decisions cannot be called in and are effective immediately.

All other decisions may be called in until 5.00 p.m. on Friday 15th February 2008.

A request to call in a decision must be made by at least three Members, including at least one Member of the controlling group. The request must be made in writing to the Chief Executive<sup>1</sup>.

If no request to call in a decision is received within this time limit then the decision becomes effective immediately.

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<b><u>OPEN REPORTS</u></b>	<u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u>
7.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (APRIL – DECEMBER 2007).	
	<b><u>DECISION:</u></b> That the Committee:- 1) note the key achievements and performance for the nine months ending 31st December 2007 within its area of responsibility. 2) reviewed where performance had failed to achieve the specified target, and agreed the proposed remedial measures in those cases.	
8.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET/FINANCIAL PROJECTION AND PROPOSED RENT INCREASE 2008/09.	
	<b><u>DECISION:</u></b> 1) That an average rent increase of 5.9% for 2008/09 in accordance with Government guidelines be approved and adjusted for individual tenants in accordance with the Rent Restructuring Formula. 2) That the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2008/09 and the Housing Revenue Account be referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval. 3) The updated financial forecast for the Housing Revenue Account to 2018 be noted. 4) The cost base (including all internal recharges) of the Housing Revenue Account be reviewed to determine cash releasing value for money gains and be reported back to the Committee during 2008/09.	

9.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> PROPOSED MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES FOR COUNCIL HOUSING 2008/2009.	
	<b>DECISION:</b> That the Committee 1) approve the content of the report and the Major Works Allowance (MRA) budget plan. 2) approve entry into the fifth year of the five-year partnership agreement with Harvey and Clarke Limited (for planned maintenance and kitchen replacements), and Robert Prettie (for heating replacements), and suspend Financial Procedure Rules (contract rules). 3) approve the continuation of the negotiated bathroom replacement contract with Harvey and Clarke Limited. 4) continue to delegate responsibility and to transfer the HRA (£110,000) and MRA (£176,000) budgets to the Environmental Health Service for specific improvements to adapt properties in accordance with Social Services recommendations.	
10.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> INVESTMENT AND RESOURCE STRATEGY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.	
	<b>DECISION:</b> That the Committee: 1) approve the strategy outlined in the report and it be referred back to the next Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee. 2) reaffirms the sheltered housing vision and standards as an affordable housing and regeneration investment priority along with the facilitation and provision of new rural affordable housing, and a leasing scheme be designed to bring empty private sector properties back into use for people in need at affordable rents. 3) agrees where individual specific projects are identified for funding under the investment priorities listed at 1.2 within the report, that they be approved by the Council's external auditor to ensure compliance with the Governments criteria relating to affordable housing and regeneration re-investment.	
11.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVISION IN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE. A GUIDE TO DELIVERY.	
	<b>DECISION:</b> That the draft document attached at the Appendix to the report 'Affordable Housing in South Derbyshire – A Guide to Delivery', be approved.	

DATED: 8th February 2008  
Chief Executive

- 1 Although it is not necessary to use a prescribed form, copies are available from the Chief Executive.
- 2 NOTE – this gives an outline of the committee decision for call-in purposes but it does not necessarily reflect the final wording for minute purposes.
- 3 Insert both the agenda item number and its heading.

