



EXECUTIVE

5.30 p.m. – 6.15 p.m.

13 May 2009

Present: Councillors Morphew (Chair), Morrey (Vice-Chair), Arthur, Bremner, Sands and Waters

Apologies Councillors Blakeway and Brociek-Coulton

Also present: Councillors Lubbock and Stephenson

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meetings held on 8 and 22 April 2009.

2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Head of Community Services outlined the report. He explained that, three common themes had arisen from the consultation - people wanted to see actions not words, clear examples of engagement and to have either more strategic emphasis on the strategy or a clear succinct emphasis.

Councillor Lubbock said she was disappointed that the majority of residents felt they were not very well informed and that 100% of those completing the survey were white. Councillor Stephenson also raised concerns at the small number of responses received. The Chair of the Norwich Tenants CityWide Board said tenants wanted to know when there would be some action, and wanted to be involved from the start with any action plan.

The Community Engagement Manager said there had been limitations to the consultation and the majority of the contacts made were with either community groups or organisations within local neighbourhoods.

RESOLVED to endorse the proposed changes to the Community Engagement Strategy.

3. HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PLAN - UPDATE

The Director of Regeneration and Development presented the report. He advised members that the housing improvement plan was a working document which would deliver a quality service with the overarching aim of achieving a 2 star housing service by 2011.

In reply to a question the Chief Executive said the Housing Improvement Project Board would give advice and guidance and keep the objectives on track. Tenant's views would be best sourced through ward councillors rather than through direct contact with board members. She said Scrutiny Committee would look at how best to feed in views from tenants coming up through councillors.

The Project Manager/Coordinator said he was keen to carry out consultations with tenant to develop future mechanisms for tenant involvement in the process.

RESOLVED to note the draft Housing Improvement Plan and refer this document to the Scrutiny Committee for comment.

4. DECOMMISSIONING COUNCIL HOUSING POLICY

The Senior Development Officer (Enabling) presented the report. He referred to the amendments made to the policy following comments from both the Norwich Tenants Citywide Board and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Arthur, Executive Member for Housing and Adult Services thanked officers, CityWide Board and Scrutiny Committee for their valued contribution towards this excellent document.

RESOLVED to -

- (1) note the amendments made to the policy on decommissioning council housing recommended by members of the Scrutiny Committee and the Norwich Tenants' CityWide Board;
- (2) adopt the Policy on Decommissioning Council Housing.

5. ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE 2 OF NOISE AND STATUTORY NUISANCE ACT 1993

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented the report. He informed members that anyone playing loud music on the streets after 21:00 hours would require a licence.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) adopt Schedule 2 of the Noise Nuisance Act 1993, to apply to the Norwich City Council area;
- (2) impose a charge of £50 per day per licence application.

CHAIR