

MINUTES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11 SEPTEMBER 2013

Present:

Councillors:

Adeleke	N Hollinghurst
Clark	Killen
Conway	Mahmood (Vice-Chairman)
Douris	Marshall (Chairman)
Flint	McLean

Co-opted Members:

Mrs Rose Kosmalski Tenants & Leaseholders Committee

Also Attended:

Councillor N Harden Portfolio Holder for Resident and Regulatory Services

Officers:

Elliott Brooks	Assistant Director (Housing)
Dave Austin	Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Delivery)
James Deane	Assistant Director (Finance and Resources)
Chris Troy	Group Manager (Regulatory Services)
Andy Vincent	Group Manager (Tenants & Leaseholders)
Fiona Williamson	Group Manager (Property & Place)
Dharini Chandarana	Manager (Supported Housing)
Simon Smith	Asset Team Leader (Housing & Regeneration)
Neil Brown	Team Leader (Programme & Procurement)
Isabel Connolly	Team Leader (Strategy & Private Sector Housing)
Lisa Devayya	Strategic Planning and Generation Officer
Sarah Pickering	Housing Policy & Information Officer (Strategic Housing)
Pat Duff	Member Support Officer (Democratic Services)

The meeting began at 7:37 pm

OS/164/13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2013 were agreed by the Members present and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendment:

Minute OS/131/13, third paragraph, 4th line – Connexions building to be replaced by XC building.

OS/165/13 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Marshall said Member Support were in touch with Youth Connexions to arrange for M Fawzi to attend a future meeting (possibly March 2014).

Chairman:

Action:

In preparation, Julie Still was asked to prepare a report for the January 2014 meeting on the work done by Dacorum Borough Council for youth and its relationship with Youth Connexions.

OS/166/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Adshead, Bassadone, and Griffiths. Councillor Organ gave his apologies after the meeting.

Councillor Clark substituted for Councillor Bassadone.
Mrs R Kosmalski substituted for S Parker by agreement of the Committee.

OS/167/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

OS/168/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

OS/169/13 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO A CALL-IN

There were no matters referred to the committee in relation to a call-in.

OS/170/13 QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT – RESIDENT SERVICES

D Austin highlighted the key areas of the report:

- Dacorum crime summary
- Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service performance summary
- Nicola Bryant was the new Anti-Social Behaviour Team Leader
- Verge hardening – good progress had been made and there was an update on the verge hardening scheme
- Successful launch activities at play areas. Eight had been refurbished across the borough.
- Working with Youth Connexions at adventure playgrounds
- A CCTV operator had been commended by a judge for his work in preventing a very serious crime. The operator had been nominated for local awards.
- Old Town Hall – work had finished on the gallery bar. Phase 2 work would commence to re-open the Cellar Club next year.

Councillor Flint reported a MITIE van regularly parked on the grass even though there were parking spaces available. She would take the matter up outside the meeting.

Councillor Killen expressed concern about the Fire and Rescue Service figures in Watling ward and asked what a deliberate secondary fire was.

D Austin said he would ask for a definition from Ian Markwell, Chief Fire Officer, that would be circulated with the minutes.

Councillor Adeleke asked if the CCTV control management covered the whole of Dacorum.

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D Austin said it covered Tring, Berkhamsted and other outlying areas. Part of the project was to install a wireless network to be able to offer CCTV coverage in other locations, including local businesses and schools. Discussions were being held with other local authorities regarding running their CCTV services.

Regarding covering rural areas, there needed to be justification for the siting of CCTV cameras as there were significant revenue costs. With the new system there would only be the cost of the camera.

Councillor Mahmood noted there was a welcome drop in all crime, apart from in Berkhamsted.

D Austin advised that the culprit had been caught.

Councillor Marshall referred to paragraph 9.2 of the report and asked what the problems were regarding using the adventure playgrounds as youth clubs. Councillor Marshall then referred to paragraph 11.4 of the report and asked what the situation was regarding using the Old High Street for the Halloween and Christmas events in view of the significant delays.

D Austin said there had been some issues of minor damage to some equipment at adventure playground but this had been addressed.

Regarding the Old High Street, D Austin said the Town Centre Regeneration Board was still hoping to accommodate these Old Town events. This was being monitored closely by officers.

Councillor Marshall asked which Overview and Scrutiny Committee was monitoring this.

Councillor Harden said he, Councillors Williams, Laws and C Wyatt-Lowe were on the Town Centre Regeneration Board which covered the Old Town and Marlowes. It would be up to the Strategic Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee to raise any issues. Dacorum Borough Council was the client in the Old Town works, the contractor is Hertfordshire County Council.

Councillor Marshall said, as the client, Dacorum Borough Council should be throwing its weight around.

Actions:

Dave Austin to provide the definition of a deliberate secondary fire for circulation with the minutes.

Outcome:

That the report be noted.

OS/171/13 QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT – REGULATORY SERVICES

C Troy summarised the report and advised that a Sustainability Officer had been recruited.

There had been slight slippage on noise complaints which had been addressed. There had not been any slippage in food safety, housing and other areas.

A highlight was that the Council may be going into another primary authority partnership with Giraffe (Tesco have taken over Giraffe). This would be good for the Council as it would

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nationally validate Tesco procedures and policies. Empire Cinemas and Compass Catering were also in discussions. The service is cost neutral to the Council.

Regarding food safety, the report covered the three months up to July. There had been other actions since then, including one against a restaurant. The Council had run two courses for food businesses to help them increase their food hygiene rating. This would be rolled out over Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

A landlord had been prosecuted for failing to license a house used for multiple occupation. The Council was now having to look at other strategies regarding interventions and work with businesses to create better cultures and safer environments.

Councillor Douris congratulated the team on the continuing work with Tesco. Councillor Douris asked if the primary authority partnership was cost neutral or if there was a commercial benefit.

C Troy said it had to be cost neutral. There may be some shared services that could be explored.

Councillor Douris asked if the food hygiene ratings were the scores on the doors.

C Troy said local authorities created the idea of scores on the doors and the Food Standards Agency had now taken it over. Research showed that the food hygiene rating system had been a driver for businesses to improve their standards.

Councillor Mahmood asked if cost neutral helped pay for the staffing costs.

C Troy said the staff were paid for by Tesco.

Councillor Mahmood asked if the extension of courses to Bedfordshire was a consultancy service for Dacorum.

C Troy said the other authorities had seen the courses run by Dacorum Borough Council and wanted to use them (all 10 Hertfordshire authorities as well as the Bedfordshire authorities).

Councillor Mahmood asked if there was a formal register for landlords and if people were aware of the HMO (House in Multiple Occupation) requirement. Councillor Mahmood wanted to give landlords the opportunity to register and asked what steps could be taken to publicise this.

C Troy said the Council was looking at targeting landlords who needed licensing. It would be an advisory process initially to give them time to comply with the regulations. If there was non-compliance, action would be taken. This would be in line with the Council's Enforcement Policy. How to advertise the fact that landlords renting to multiple people needed to be registered would be looked at.

Councillor Adeleke asked if there was an offenders register of landlords who had been prosecuted for failing to license a house in multiple occupation.

C Troy said he would inform the committee if there was a register.

Outcome:

That the report be noted.

Chairman:

OS/172/13 QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT – RISK REGISTER & SERVICE PLAN UPDATE – HOUSING

E Brooks summarised the report which for the first time included details of performance risks and service plan updates. Some items were subject to reports later in the meeting agenda.

Councillor Marshall thanked E Brooks for the additional paper regarding properties that took longer to let.

E Brooks confirmed this would be added to CorVu.

Councillor Mahmood said it would be useful to know if the Council was on target for completions.

E Brooks said this information was in the report and at this stage Group Mangers were confident all items would be completed within the target times.

Councillor Marshall referred to page 35 of the report, measure PP01 – 99.56% of dwellings with a valid Gas Safety Certificate. This was very good. Councillor Marshall asked for clarification of the phrasing in measure PP16a – average time to re-let a Council sheltered property.

E Brooks said the problem with sheltered accommodation was there were popular schemes and others that were more difficult to let. The delays were not to do with works.

Councillor Marshall agreed some sheltered properties were difficult to let but was concerned about the number of general needs properties that were taking longer than 25 days

E Brooks said half of properties were being turned around within the target time. Within general needs housing, a large proportion were downsizing and more work was done in those properties and this was reflected in the turnaround times. People were very keen to downsize and the turnover of properties currently was so great that the Council had increased resources to cope. It would be an on-going battle for this year and to get half within target would not be doing badly. Each empty home has been looked at to see how it could be re-let and an analysis could be done of these.

Councillor Marshall said she knew a lot of work had been done to improve the voids.

E Brooks said the standard of re-let homes was now higher.

Councillor Mahmood expressed concern that some risks on page 29 of the report were amber or red.

E Brooks said the risk register format and process had been audited and there would be some changes to the report. The form could be improved but it was a useful tool to keep track of the issues. Members should look at the residual risk scores and current controls.

Councillor Marshall referred to the quarterly performance report on page 35 of the agenda where a number of comments said 'sign off incomplete.'

E Brooks said there was an issue with CorVu in that if an officer was out of the office for 2 – 3 days, the deadline was missed and items would not be signed off.

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Councillor Killen referred to page 39 of the report, TL15 where the comment was that more regular patrols of flats should take place to identify ASB. Councillor Killen asked if there was any merit in that comment.

A Vincent said patrols had been set up with Neighbourhood Support Officers. The feedback was being taken on board. This was a short term measure.

R Kosmalski referred to page 40, TL21 – current number of tenants and leaseholders involved with the Housing Service – and asked what was classed as being involved. If the Council spoke to a person once throughout the year, would they be included?

A Vincent said it included those who had been involved with the Council through the year via, for example, consultations on estate improvements, local improvement issues etc. It was 307 people who had been involved, not 307 instances of people contacting the Council over the year.

E Brooks said a record was being kept of people who had been involved so that the Council could get back in touch with them. There was a new module on Orchard that helped keep track of different peoples' interests.

Councillor Marshall asked that the figures be 'drilled down' so that clearer information could be given in the Star Satisfaction Survey and Get Involved Strategy update report in November.

R Kosmalski said the Tenants and Leaseholders Committee (TLC) had asked for information on the involved people.

A Vincent said there was a new way of capturing who was involved with the Council, by which mechanism, how often they have been spoken to and other data. This would be available in a month or so. The November report should be going to the TLC beforehand.

Outcome:

That the report be noted.

OS/173/13 QUARTER 1 OUTTURN REPORT

J Deane introduced the report and gave headline figures.

On the General Fund, the overall position was forecasting an outturn of £2k variance. The HRA was forecast to be on budget with the exception of repairs and maintenance which was affected by downsizing and was forecast to exceed budget by £400k by the end of the year.

Regarding the Capital Programme, this was on budget and this would be monitored to check that expenditure had increased.

Councillor Killen asked what items were capital.

J Deane said, under new self-financing, all capital expenditure was financed through depreciation and then through revenue contributions of capital. J Deane then gave an explanation on how this worked.

Councillor N Hollinghurst said this was very different from the previous situation and asked what percentage was depreciation on houses; if it was done on an average basis or assessed on type and age of property.

Chairman:

J Deane said it was done on 60ths. 20% of the housing stock was revalued each year.

Councillor N Hollinghurst asked on what basis the evaluation was done as self-financing was based on rental income.

J Deane said self-financing was different to the valuing the housing stock for balance sheet purposes as self-financing was based on the anticipated rental income.

Councillor Adeleke referred to page 43, 4.3 – repairs and maintenance 8.87% over budget – and said an overspend of over 5% should set alarm bells ringing. Rather than trying to identify savings, the Council should be looking for more money rather than trying to bring the budget back on track.

J Deane said this would need to be looked at. This was the first year the Council was going to see the impact of downsizing and there would be pressures next year.

Councillor Marshall required the grant available within earmarked reserves for temporary housing posts (para 3.2).

J Deane said it was a reserve for a specific purpose. It would need a recommendation from Cabinet to Council to release that money, even though it had been earmarked for a specific purpose. It was a grant that had been put into reserves.

Outcome:

That the report be noted.

Councillor Harden left at 8.40 pm.

OS/174/13 MOBILITY SCOOTER POLICY

S Smith circulated copies of the letter from Hertfordshire Fire Service dated 20 September 2012 and Safety Solutions (Northampton) Ltd dated 6 September 2013 concerning mobility scooters. He advised that the policy had been taken and agreed at the TLC's last meeting. The Portfolio Holder for Housing had also seen the paper and her comments had been included in the Policy. The Chairman of the Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee had also suggested some minor drafting changes.

Councillor Mahmood asked if there was a risk assessment regarding scooters catching fire.

S Smith said the Council was proposing to provide suitable and safe storage for mobility scooters, both in general needs and sheltered schemes. They could be kept in an enclosed space as long as it was fire proofed. Research shown there were very few fires.

Councillor Adeleke said there was nothing in the document that indicated that the Council would be looking at upgrading present accommodation to accommodate this.

S Smith referred to page 61 of the report that showed the results of visits to the sheltered schemes to identify whether or not suitable mobility scooter storage could be provided. Rice Close was a good example but some schemes could not fit storage in. These plans would be rolled out very quickly to these schemes.

Councillor Adeleke said it was a very sensitive issue and asked if scooter users had been asked their views on the Council's plans. Whilst understanding the right of the Council to refuse, consideration also had to be given to the rights of the scooter user.

Chairman:

S Smith said it is being taken to the Supported Housing Forum in November and had been to the TLC. The Council was handling this as sensitively as possible and would do everything in its power to provide suitable and safe storage for scooters. Within existing stock there was only so much that could be done.

Councillor Adeleke referred to page 60 of the report 'Right to refuse requests' and asked about the rights of the scooter users themselves and if their views had been taken into account.

S Smith said the policy was primarily for future users and the Council realised it was difficult for current scooter users. In the future it was hoped the policy would identify people who needed them.

E Brookes said the policy would be going to the Supported Housing Forum and he believed some of the members were scooter users so their views would be heard.

Councillor Conway asked if scooters would have to be PAT tested before they could use the storage provided.

S Smith confirmed this was the case.

Councillor Marshall asked what different classes of vehicles would be covered, including electric wheelchairs.

S Smith said electric wheelchairs were class 2.

Councillor Marshall said this would be difficult for somebody who relied on an electric wheelchair to move around.

F Williamson said in those instances there would be an assessment on medical need. It would not just be about creating storage.

Councillor Marshall said, in principle, a policy was required to control the number of scooters on the premises but there was a problem with the execution of this policy. There were current residents who had scooters and, presumably, some with electric wheelchairs and there were current tenants who would need these aids in the future. How would these individuals be dealt with in a practical way and was it being proposed that these tenants will be required to move?

A Vincent said the Council did not want people to be taking mobility scooters up and down lifts. These residents would ideally be on the ground floor and the Council would encourage people to move to appropriate properties if possible and park in the storage facilities provided. It was accepted that electric wheelchairs would need to be taken to the resident's door. The best thing to do would be to encourage people to move. No enforcement action would be taken to require people to move but the Council would work with people to move them to appropriate properties.

Councillor Marshall said the scooters came in various sizes and weights. Would all types be barred from lifts or would small ones be accepted?

S Smith said advice was being taken. Separate advice would be needed on how electric wheelchairs were powered. It would depend on the fire risk.

Councillor Marshall suggested an outline could be drawn on the floor of the lift to define the size allowed.

Chairman:

S Smith said it did not matter about the size, it was the power of the vehicle. If the vehicle caught fire in the lift it would be a danger.

Councillor Marshall asked what the time frame was for installing mobility scooter shelters.

S Smith said the cost of installing a shelter at Rice Close to store 7 scooters was £5k for the storage and £5k for hard standing. There were plans for another 4 schemes to store 7 – 9 scooters. The timescale was to get as many done this financial year as possible.

Councillor Marshall said, regarding implementation of this policy as far as existing tenants were concerned, if there were insufficient spaces at present, the Council should delay ordering residents to get rid of their scooters until the shelters had been built.

S Smith said at Betty Patterson House one space was being constructed for the only scooter user. There was no space for more.

Councillor Marshall said there was nothing in the policy about the possibility of sharing scooters.

S Smith said, at the TLC, Councillor Griffiths suggested a sharing scheme. People would still need an assessment of need but this was a possibility.

Councillor Marshall asked who would carry out the assessments of a resident's ability to use a scooter.

S Smith said a firm of specialists would provide a risk assessment and give mini driving tests. They would also visit schemes annually to maintain a check, if they had a contract. Regarding funding, the HRA or Housing would pay.

Councillor Marshall suggested a charge for storage of scooters and for the assessment could be made. Councillor Marshall asked what would happen after the policy had been considered by the Supported Housing Forum.

E Brooks said the Assistant Director (Chief Executive's Unit) had given advice when lots of policies were being made. If a policy did not affect the wider public, only tenants and leaseholders of the Borough, providing the right consultation had been done, it could then be a Portfolio Holder decision rather than go to Cabinet.

Councillor Marshall said this could be an emotive issue and needed to be seen to have been dealt with publicly, not behind closed doors. Councillor Marshall referred to page 60, bullet point 4 – Supported Housing Schemes – 'Where no space is available, the applicant will be advised that the scheme or property is not suitable.' If somebody needed sheltered housing, they would be assessed on accommodation needs, not on the needs of a mobility scooter. This could be better phrased.

A Vincent said the wording would be made clearer.

I Connolly said property adverts would indicate whether a sheltered scheme was suitable for a scooter user or not.

Councillor N Hollinghurst said most people who used scooters did have some mobility and used them to supplement the range they could travel. Councillor Hollinghurst did have concerns regarding motorised wheelchairs. If a person had a disability to that extent or had deteriorated to that extent, they would not find it easy to live in any of the Council's schemes. How many people were presently in Council sheltered accommodation who used motorised

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wheelchairs rather than mobility scooters? If it was not a large number he would not want the Council to make the rules excessively strict for a problem that was very limited.

A Vincent said the Council would like those people to live on the ground floor and take the wheelchair into their property.

Councillor N Hollinghurst wondered if it would be easy to move around inside a property with a wheelchair.

Councillor Douris asked if the storage facilities would be secure enough and if they would be alarmed.

S Smith said the Rice Close storage facility can only be accessed via a fob.

Councillor Douris asked if officers were confident the policy was Disability Discrimination Act compliant and, if it was, should it make reference to the Disability Discrimination Act.

A Vincent said this Act had been taken over by the Equality Act.

Councillor Adeleke asked if there was any Government guideline.

S Smith said officers had looked at what other authorities were doing and had spoken to them. DBC policy was less harsh than some.

Councillor Adeleke referred to the Equality Act and said the Council had to make sure what it was doing was correct and central Government guidelines should be explored.

S Smith said this would be done.

Councillor Marshall expressed concern that there were such insufficient facilities for mobility scooters and electric wheelchairs and asked how many more spaces would be built within the next 6 months and in what schemes.

S Smith said there were plans for 4; Evelyn Sharp House, Emma Rothschild Court, Rice Close, Cranford, Two Beeches and Dudley House. Some already had some storage. Within the next 6 months at least another 6 schemes would have scooter storage that did not currently have it.

Councillor Flint asked if there were plans to contact agencies such as Age Concern about this policy to get their comments.

S Smith confirmed they would be consulted.

E Brooks said all agencies who had regular contact with the users needed to know about the policy. This policy was contentious and difficult to implement but it was needed. It would be implemented sensitively. Hopefully the policy would be approved before Christmas and the Council could get on with getting the facilities in place.

Actions:

A Vincent to make the wording clearer on page 60, bullet point 4 – Supported Housing Schemes – ‘Where no space is available, the applicant will be advised that the scheme or property is not suitable.’

Chairman:

Outcome:

That the policy be supported, with minor drafting amendments, but that the execution of the policy must be given more thought. Efforts should be re-doubled to try and find more storage facilities.

OS/175/13 OLDER PEOPLES HOUSING STRATEGY 2014-2024 AND REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE SUPPORTED HOUSING GROUP

A Vincent introduced the report. In November 2011 the committee was asked to set up a Working Group to look at the future of sheltered and supported housing stock. Alongside the work of this group, Strategic Housing had been developing an Old Person's Strategy. This was looking at the provision of services to older people over the next 10 years. The report summarised this and also gave information on call alarms and an upgrade programme of the alarm call systems in the sheltered schemes.

I Connolly said the Sheltered Housing Strategy was long term and included a large scale housing needs study for over 50s. The first headline results were available.

S Pickering gave the results of the survey so far. People favoured

- Close to shops and transport links
- Garden and outdoor space
- Spare bedroom
- Easy to heat

People were reluctant to move due to a lack of suitable options.

The survey closed on 22 August.

I Connolly said a draft strategy would be ready for January 2014. A number of activities was taking place with sheltered schemes to get more detailed responses. The Council wanted people to be able to choose where they lived.

Councillor McLean expressed concern about the time it would take for the Community Alarm Replacement Scheme to be finished (2017/18) and asked if new technology was being looked at for this.

A Vincent said performance targets for response times for alarm calls by residents had been met for a year. At the request of the committee, regular satisfaction surveys were carried out. Some calls did stack up in a scheme before being answered. One scheme currently had lifelines in it and this was being upgraded. £120k had been put in the capital programme for next year to start the replacement programme and the procurement process was starting to find a provider. Some schemes had no issues.

L Devayya said as the schemes at the top of the table had their community alarms replaced, this would release hardware and spare parts. Regarding new technology, nothing suitable was available as yet and broadband was not available everywhere.

A Vincent said the new systems would be digital systems. There would still be delays but the system could take much higher volumes of calls.

Councillor Marshall hoped the stacking up of calls would be overcome by using digital lines. She pointed out that the Committee had asked in March for a report on tackling where the lack of lines resulted in calls stacking up and this evening's report did not address that.

Chairman:

A Vincent said, even if Eldercare was perfect. It would not be possible to answer every call immediately. With the digital system there would be less delay (seconds). The only way to overcome the problem would be to put a line in every single flat with the current system.

Councillor Marshall asked if the schemes listed on page 55 of the report would be having digital lines.

A Vincent said it depended when technology became available. There would be a detailed programme once the procurement process had been completed.

Councillor Marshall asked when an update would be available.

L Devayya said the tender would be going out by the end of the year. Information on the provider should be available by June 2014.

E Brooks said there would be a detailed report on this every other meeting. Officers were asked by the committee to show the calls that did not get answers and reasons for this. This was still being monitored by the percentage answered in the first minute, in 90 seconds and in 3 minutes. This is reported through the normal monitoring report.

Councillor Adeleke said there was a good response rate but would like to see a summary of findings.

Councillor Marshall asked if the charging structure was going to be revised in the new financial year. The existing charges had been in place for a long time.

A Vincent said the charges had been revised in this financial year to reflect how much time was delivered to both category 1 and 2 sheltered housing. There was not a tiered charging structure and this would be looked at. Category 1 charge was £6.53 and category 2 £7.57 per week. Life lines cost £1.32 per week over 48 weeks.

Actions:

A Vincent to send Councillor Douris a copy of the last specification survey and results.

Outcome:

That the report be noted.

OS/176/13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved:

That, under s.100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Part 1 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during the items in Part 2 of the Agenda for this meeting, because it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that, if members of the public were present during those items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). Minute OS/177/13 and minute OS/178/13.

Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, paragraph 3.

OS/177/13 OUTCOMES FOR REVIEW OF SHELTERED HOUSING ASSETS

Chairman:

A Vincent gave an overview of the report.

Full details are in the part 2 minute.

Outcome:

That the report be noted.

OS/178/13 PROCUREMENT REVIEW

F Williamson summarised the report.

Full details are in the part 2 minute.

Outcome:

That the report be noted.

OS/178/13 WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

Outcome:

That the following changes to the Work Programme be noted:

16 October 2013

1. Impact on the Business Plan of reducing the rate of rent increases – report to include the revised rent policy of the Government.
2. New Build Development Strategy Update – to be moved to 13 November.

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3. New Build Development Strategy Update – moved from the October meeting.
4. Neighbourhood Action (J Still) – new report.

29 January 2014

5. DBC working with Youth Connexions (J Still) – new report (separate from the invitation to Youth Connexions to come in March)

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6. Youth Connexions presentation (possibly)

The meeting ended at 10.15 pm.

Chairman: