

FORMATION OF DERBY HOMES LIMITED

Report of the Chief Executive, Acting Director of Housing Services, Director of Corporate Services and Director of Finance

SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. This report seeks approval to appoint the persons named as the first members of its Board of Directors and delegation of authority to the Executive to approve future changes in the names of independent members of the board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council resolves that the following Members serve as first members of Derby Homes Board of Directors, namely

Councillor Bayliss
Councillor Burgess
Councillor Hickson
Councillor Hill
Councillor Nath
- 2.2 That the Council approves the names of the tenants and leaseholders to be first members of the Derby Homes Board of Directors, namely

Jenny Bradley
Theo Harris
Bernard Harry
Tracey Maddocks
Dennis Rees
- 2.3 That the Council approves the names of the independent persons to be named as first members of the Derby Homes Board of Directors, namely

Martin Latham
Iain MacDonald
Bob Osler
Afzal Shabir
- 2.4 That the Council delegates authority to the Executive to approve subsequent appointments of independent members of the Derby Homes Board of Directors.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The recommendations will enable a programme of improvements to council housing to be funded which would not otherwise have been carried out.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 At its 12 February 2002 meeting, the Executive resolved to establish Derby Homes Limited being a local authority controlled company set up to manage and maintain Council housing in Derby. This action was approved in principle by Council in July 2001.
- 4.2 A satisfactory allocation of £31 million in additional capital resources for 2002-04 was announced on 29 November 2001. An affirmative ballot result amongst tenants and landlords was announced on 12 February 2002.
- 4.3 This report seeks approval of five Members to serve on the Board of Directors. Future changes to these nominees will be dealt with in accordance with the procedure for appointments to outside bodies.
- 4.4 This report seeks approval of five tenants and leaseholder representatives as first members of the Board of Directors. These persons have been nominated by the Derby Association of Community Partners (DACP). Future changes to these members will be determined by election or nomination as set out in the company's Memorandum and Articles.
- 4.5 This report seeks approval of four independent persons to be first members of the Board of Directors. These persons have been recommended by the Shadow Board of Derby Homes as having suitable skills to assist the organisation. If this recommendation is approved one place for an independent member will be vacant. This vacancy and future changes in independent membership will be recommended by the Board of Directors and subject to approval by the City Council. It is recommended that the Executive be authorised to confirm such subsequent changes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Derby Homes Limited will attract additional housing resources to maintain Derby City Council's housing stock, provided it meets certain criteria.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. Derby Homes Limited will operate in accordance with legislation covering local authority controlled companies.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7. It is anticipated that staff will transfer from the City Council to Derby Homes Limited under arrangements to protect their existing terms and conditions.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The programme of work to be carried out by Derby Homes will improve the quality of the environment and contribute towards improved energy efficiency.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. It is anticipated that equal opportunity practices and procedures will be agreed by Derby Homes in line with Council practices.

Background Papers:

