107/01 Services Agreement between Derby City Council and Derby Homes Limited

The Executive considered a report from the Chief Executive setting out further information on the services agreement between Derby City Council and Derby Homes and in particular personnel implications and seeking confirmation of the commencement of the agreement with effect from the 10 April 2002. The results of consultation with the other seven round 1 authorities contracting the management of housing to Arms Length Organisations was circulated at the meeting. The consultation had identified that for most, the issue of continuity of service was not a serious problem. A joint statement by the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions was circulated confirming that in their opinion protection was offered to employees through the Redundancy Modification Order.

Options Considered

No alternative options were considered

Decision

- 1. To confirm the commencement of the service agreement with Derby Homes Limited with effect from 10 April 2002.
- 2. To continue to work with the Department of Transport Local Government and the Regions, Local Government Association and other authorities establishing Arms Length Organisations, to ensure that continuity of service is maintained for employees.

Reasons

The contract will enable a programme of improvement of Council housing to be funded which could not otherwise have been carried out if the full amount is to be received, it will enable all Council properties to be brought to the decent homes standard by April 2006.