

CALENDAR OF PROPOSED ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS 2009/10

Report of the Director of Housing & Customer Service

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report summarises Derby Homes' commitment to attending public events in 2009/10 and states the intended aims and outcomes of these commitments. The calendar for the events is found in Appendix 1 attached.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Local Housing Board approves the proposal subject to final confirmation from the organisers of each event.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Attendance at the events listed in this report will be used to:

- promote Derby Home's profile in the community
- consult and involve tenants in various aspects of the service
- engage with hard to reach groups as part of our commitment to Equalities
- promote involvement itself

3.2 Our attendance at these events will be using the Housing Focus Group Lite format. Our aim will be to bring back useful information from the communities we work with that will help to develop future service delivery.

4. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

The events will be used to consult tenants/residents. The Tenant Involvement Team will work with service managers to develop areas for consultation for use at these events.

5. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Attendance at weekend events is covered by a combination of overtime payment and time off in lieu, dependant on the pay scale of the employees attending. All costs are contained within existing salary budgets.

6. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

Derby Homes is required to regularly consult and involve service users in the management and development of its services under the 1985 Housing Act, Section 105.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

Attendance at weekend events is achieved by voluntary attendance by staff, employment contracts for the Tenant Involvement Team cover occasional Saturday working.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

We will use the Community Watch Patrol Van to transport equipment to events to negate the use of multiple personal vehicles being used to attend the event.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Some of the events that we know of now are themed along Equalities Lines and our attendance at these will help us to engage with hard to reach groups.

10. HEALTH & SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

All events are subject to a health and safety risk assessment prior to our attendance/engagement.

If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or the Chief Executive, phil.davies@derbyhomes.org - Tel 01332 711010

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