

## **GROVE HOUSE SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME RELOCATION - UPDATE**

Report of the Director of Derby Homes

### **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

1. This report updates the Local Housing Board on the progress made relocating tenants from Grove House Sheltered Scheme.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. That the Local Housing Board notes the content of this report.

### **MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Local Board members will recall that on 29 August 2002 the Derby Homes Main Board recommended the decommissioning of Grove House Sheltered Scheme and agreed that the remaining residents of Grove House be rehoused as a priority, each receiving home loss and disturbance payments.
- 3.2 Over the last 7 months we have carried out a sympathetic exercise of rehousing the remaining 11 residents.
- 3.3 All but one of the remaining residents have now moved out.
- 3.4 The remaining resident previously indicated he was keen to move to a neighbouring scheme he is now refusing to move to the intended accommodation.
- 3.5 Contacts have been made with support workers from within his ethnic community in Derby and we will be working jointly with them.
- 3.6 A further two properties are being offered to the resident and we are keen to resolve this situation as soon as possible.
- 3.7 It may become necessary to commence legal proceedings to secure vacant possession, should this be the case then we will work closely with all support agencies and continue to offer alternative accommodation.

### **CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS**

4. None.

### **FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 We are continuing to provide private security at the complex. A contractor is employed to provide a security guard between the hours of 10.00pm and 8.00am. The Community Watch Patrol also continue to make two visits to the site between 4.00pm and 10.00pm each day.
- 5.2 We will continue to maintain these safety precautions for the immediate future. We will discuss the ongoing security with the City Council, who is considering the future use of this block.

#### **LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS**

6. If required possession proceedings will be taken in accordance with the Housing Act 1985, Section 83 as amended by the Housing Act 1996.

#### **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

7. None.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. None.

#### **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9. None.

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