

REVIEW OF DERBY HOMES GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Report of the Director & Company Secretary

1. SUMMARY

This report informs the Board of a review of the Governance Arrangements.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Board is asked to approve

1. the deferral of the review of Derby Homes' Governance Arrangements until a decision on the future of Derby Homes has been agreed
2. a rewrite of the Financial Regulations to be submitted to the Board for approval on 27 January 2011.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 We have reviewed Derby Homes Governance Arrangements which cover the following sections:

- Memorandum & Articles of Association
- Standing Orders for the Conduct of Derby Homes Board and General Meetings
- Local Housing Board Constitution
- Delegation of Responsibilities
- Financial Regulations
- Procurement Procedure Rules
- Appointment and Recruitment of Board Members
- Code of Conduct for Board Members
- Standing Orders for Appointment of Staff
- Protocol on Board Member, Executive Team and Staff Relations
- Services Agreement

3.2 Due to the considerable work and costs involved and the uncertainties facing Derby Homes at the present time, it would not be appropriate to carry out any further work on the review, with the exception of the Financial Regulations, until after the Council has made a decision about the future of Derby Homes.

3.3 The Financial Regulations were written before the transfer of the Repairs Team to Derby Homes took place and therefore do not include regulations specific to the financial management of this part of the service.

- 3.4 It is therefore proposed to bring a revised set of Financial Regulations to the Board for approval at the end of January 2011.

4 POLICY REVIEW IMPLICATIONS

This is a key policy of Derby Homes and is included in the Key Policy Review Schedule.

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report

- Consultation
- Financial and Business Plan
- Legal and Confidentiality
- Personnel
- Environmental
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Health & Safety
- Risk

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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