

TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Report of the Acting Director of Housing Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. This report sets out an introductory training programme for Board Members to be run in March and April 2002.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. To approve the training programme as outlined in the report.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

3. The training programme proposed is:

- 1 Provision of relevant leaflets

a folder of leaflets and booklets has been prepared as background reading for Board Members.

- 2 Introduction to Derby Homes – Thursday 14 March 2002 6.00–8.00 pm
Cardinal Square Board Room – refreshments at 5.30 pm.

This session will be an opportunity to discuss any issues arising from reading the leaflets and booklets provided. The Director will also run through the range of services, the management structure and financing of Derby Homes.

- 3 Service specific sessions – dates to be arranged.

Such sessions will be organised by senior managers to discuss in greater detail their work areas

Maria Murphy – Local housing offices, repairs service and tenant participation

Chris Robinson – Tenancy management, anti social behaviour policies, rent arrears and warden service

John Bloxsom – Regeneration and capital programme

Lorraine Watson – Central Support team and finance

4 Work shadowing opportunities

The opportunity for Board Members to spend a half or full day with a manager and their staff to gain first hand experience of their work.

5 Future Conferences

The DTLR have agreed to sponsor a conference for new Arms Length Board Members. Details of this will be circulated once they are confirmed.

The Chartered Institute of Housing Annual Conference is from 11 to 14 June 2002. I am proposing to book 6 places, with at least two places for Board Members.

There may be other one-off conferences which Board Members would benefit from attending.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

4 None.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Any costs of the training will be contained within the set up costs budget and management fees paid to Derby Homes.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. None.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7. Senior managers will provide the training.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8. None.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. None.

Background Papers