

#### LOCAL HOUSING BOARD SOUTH 11 DECEMBER 2008

# **ITEM A6a**

## HOUSING FOCUS GROUP ISSUES AND LOCAL HOUSING BOARD AWAY DAY UPDATE

Report of the Director of Housing & Customer Service

#### 1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report provides examples of information for discussion at future meetings and an update on arrangements for the Away Day.

#### 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To consider the attached document and agree any further information the Local Board would like to have included in reports.
- 2.2 That the Local Board away day is held on a Saturday morning to enable Members who work, or have other commitments during the day, to attend.

#### 3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 At their meetings in October, the Local Housing Boards discussed proposals for an away day and the introduction of reports from the various Performance Improvement Teams, user groups and Housing Focus Groups to enable tenants' issues to be dealt with at the LHB. Instead of going around the table and asking members about issues, issues will be tabled as reports, and LHB members and officers will talk to these.
- 3.2 Attached to this report is an example of the type of information on Housing Focus Groups that could be brought to future meetings for discussion and information.
- 3.3 Local Board Members are asked to consider the attached document and identify what further information they would like to have included in reports to support their discussion at meetings.
- 3.4 Following consultation on proposals for the Local Housing Board Away Day, the results were:

Option	LHBN	LHBS	Total
A (full day)	5	3	8
B (Saturday morning)	1	7	8
C (weekday evening)	3	1	4

- 3.5 We recommend the away day is held on Saturday morning on to enable Members who work, or have other commitments during the day, to attend.
- 3.6 The away day will be held at a central location and lunch will be provided. Further details will be provided nearer the time, but in the meantime, members should let Jackie Mitchell, Governance Services Manager, know by the 20 December, which of the following dates they would prefer the away day to be held on.

10 January 17 January 24 January

### 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

# 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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