

# DERBY HOMES BOARD 27 SEPTEMBER 2007

# **ITEM 6**

# DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT GREEN PAPER 'HOMES FOR THE FUTURE: MORE AFFORDABLE, MORE SUSTAINABLE'

Report of the Chief Executive of Derby Homes

## 1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

Attached to this report is a draft response to the Government's Green Paper, for approval.

### 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board considers the response and approves it.

### 3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Attached to this report is a draft response to the Government's recent Green Paper 'Homes for the future: More affordable, more sustainable' (Appendix 1).
- 3.2 The response generally welcomes the proposals, in particular the commitment for additional affordable housing, and the recognition that Councils should play a major role in the delivery of affordable homes through local housing companies, such as their ALMOs. I have, however, suggested that incentives for schemes to encourage elderly tenants to move out into ground floor accommodation should be encouraged, and has the potential to release family housing.

### 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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