

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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