

HIRE OR POOL CARS FOR BUSINESS USE

Report of the Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

This report updates Committee on use of hire and pool cars and other travel cost savings.

2. RECOMMENDATION

To note the report.

3. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Derby Homes adopted a new Business Travel Policy at its meeting on 6 January 2011 and asked for feedback on progress and any use of pool or hire cars.
- 3.2 The standard mileage rate of 45 per mile is paid to all staff and Board Members. It is anticipated that this will make £83,000 savings per annum in the Management Team and £43,000 savings per annum in the Repairs/Maintenance team.
- 3.3 So far in 2011-12 we have made no use of hire cars, nor have we purchased pool cars. The new vans to be purchased in 2012 are anticipated to be at least £500 a year each, and we will be reducing the overall number of vans as well. Final savings will depend on the final numbers purchased. Further travel cost savings are anticipated from better use of tracking and computer systems to streamline work scheduling and by introducing imprest stock onto the larger vans.

4. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

As in report.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

Any changes to working practices are subject to consultation with staff and Trade Unions.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The majority of repairs team staff and over 100 management team staff have been on a fuel saving driving course. Any reduction in mileage use arising from this and other initiatives will reduce our energy use and carbon footprint.

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

Consultation
Legal and Confidentiality
Council
Equalities Impact Assessment
Health & Safety
Risk
Policy Review

If Board members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact the author, or Phil Davies, Chief Executive, phil.davies@derbyhomes.org – Phone: 01332 888528

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