

STATEMENT ON CONTROL SELF CERTIFICATION AND INTERNAL REPORTING

This statement is given in respect of the financial accounts for Derby Homes Limited. We acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal control is maintained and operated in connection with the resources concerned.

The system of internal control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, that transactions are authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

The system of internal control is based on a framework of regular management information, financial regulations, administrative procedures (including segregation of duties), management supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability. Ongoing development and maintenance of the system is undertaken by managers within the Company. In particular, the system includes:

- corporate governance arrangements operated through the Board and Committees
- standing orders and financial regulations
- an ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing significant risks faced by the Company
- comprehensive budgeting systems
- regular reviews of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance; and
- the preparation of regular financial reports which indicate actual expenditure against the forecasts; and
- other performance measures including performance information and BVPI reporting.

The Company currently procures internal audit services from Derby City Council. Internal audit's work is based on a risk assessment and complies with the CIPFA code of practice for internal audit. The Head of Audit and Risk Management reports the results of internal audit work to the Director and Company Secretary, and the Audit Committee. The Head of Audit and Risk Management also provides an independent opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal financial control.

Our review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control is informed by:

- the work of managers within the Company;
- the work of the internal auditors as described above; and
- the external auditors in their reports.

The Audit Committee has received the Chief Executive's annual report on internal control assurance on behalf of the Senior Management Team and has conducted its review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control. This review has included consideration of any changes needed to maintain the effectiveness of the risk management and control process.

A weakness has been identified in the systems in place and corrective action will be undertaken to further develop systems in relation to:

- The delayed and protracted implementation of internal audit recommendations

(Signed)

(on behalf of the Board)

(Dated)