

Committee: Community Committee

Agenda Item

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Title: HOUSING INITIATIVE TASK GROUP

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Referred item

Summary

- 1 The minutes of the Housing Initiatives Task group held on 17 September 2007 are attached. Recommendations were made in relation to Minute HTG4 – Choice Based letting - New Allocations policy and Minute HTG7 Negative Housing Subsidy.

Recommendations

- 2 The Committee approves the following recommendations
Minute HTG4 –
 1. the draft Housing Allocations Scheme be approved for adoption, subject to any amendments agreed at the meeting; (this recommendation was considered in a separate report at item7)
 2. arrangements be made for quarterly update reports to be given to the Community Committee or this Task Group as appropriate, and for a full evaluation of the CBL system after 12 months of operation.

Minute HTG7

1. A formal representation to be sent to the Government on the Housing Revenue Account subsidy system, as a follow up to that Committee's motion; and
2. that a letter written in plain English be sent to all Council tenants explaining the effect of negative housing subsidy, and incorporating a tear off slip which tenants would be invited to sign and return as part of a petition deploring the loss of this rent income.

2 Background Papers

- 4 Minutes of Housing Initiative Task Group (attached to this report)

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Tenant Forum members were present at the Task Group meeting and are supportive
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	of this recommendation.
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Finance	Cost are within budget provision
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	Time allocation only

Situation

6 N/A

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That the Government does not give this consideration.	medium	high	A response to the Governments Green Paper, which is expected to include the HRA subsidy system (Due in mid October) is drafted by officers for discussion with the Housing Initiative Task Group.