

REPORT TO CONSTITUTION WORKING GROUP – 13 OCTOBER 2008

Committee Structure Relating to the Housing Service

Summary

1. At its meeting on 19 March 2008, the Working Group recommended to Council (Minute CTG91) that the Housing Initiative Task Group (HITG) carry out a review of the appropriate Member mechanism to carry out the housing service and channel any recommendation through this group within six months. Council approved this recommendation on 22 April (Minute C103(ii)) and so the review must be concluded at the Council meeting on 21 October.
2. The attached paper contains extracts from Minutes of HITG together with an extract from the Community Committee meeting on 19 June. The recommendation from HITG can be found at the bottom of page 5 and top of page 6 of the attachment, and the text of that Minute summarises the reasoning for the recommendation. In essence, it recommends the formation of a separate housing committee. This would encompass housing strategy, the HRA and all other peripheral housing matters, as well as housing management.
3. Strategic Management Board considered this matter on 23 July and decided not to support a Housing Committee on the grounds of the additional resource required to administer it. SMB suggested a name change for the existing committee.
4. The Working Group is requested to consider the recommendation from HITG and make a recommendation to be considered by the Council on 21 October.

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