

**A MEETING OF THE HOUSING BOARD
WAS HELD ON 5 MARCH 2008**

The Mayor (Councillor Gill)(ex-officio), Chairman of Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Cully)(ex-officio) (P), Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Burgess, Champion, Mrs Cully (Vice Chairman) (P), Foster, Foster-Reed, Mrs Mudie (P), Rigg, and Mrs Wright (Chairman) (P).

Also in attendance: Tenant Representative – Mrs Janne Carter

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders, notice had been received that Councillors Carter, Hook and Taylor would replace Councillors Burgess, Foster and Rigg for this meeting.

42 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of The Mayor (Councillor Gill), Councillors Burgess, Champion, Foster and Rigg.

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

44 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

45 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

46 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

47 HOUSING REPAIRS PROGRAMME 2008-09

The Board considered the report of the Housing Services Manager (a copy of which is attached in the Minute Book as Appendix 'A') setting out the proposed 2008-09 Housing Repairs Programme and seeking the Board's approval for this programme.

Members were advised of two minor changes to Appendix B in the report resulting from 'Right to Buy' arrangements.

RESOLVED: That

- (i) the proposed 2008-09 Housing Repairs Programme be approved; and
- (ii) officers follow the principles (approved at the Housing Board meeting of March 2005) as detailed below:
 - (a) Officers be required to seek Board approval to vary the Housing Repairs Programme where work within an identified element of the approved Housing Repairs Programme cannot take place;
 - (b) Where urgent works are identified after approval of the Housing Repairs Programme for which there is no identified provision, officers in consultation with the Chairman of the Housing Board, be permitted to vary the programme for works up to £60,000;
 - (c) Where urgent works are identified after approval of the Housing Repairs Programme for which there is no identified provision, officers in consultation with the Chair and Group Spokespersons be permitted to vary the programme for works between £60,000 and £100,000;
 - (d) Officers be required to seek Board approval to vary the approved Housing Repairs Programme where urgent works are identified after approval of the programme, for which there is no identified provision and the value of these works exceeds £100,000;
 - (e) Officers be required to seek Board approval where work within an identified element of the approved Housing Repairs Programme is going to under- or over-spend by more than £100,000;
 - (f) Members be informed of significant variations to the Programme, as outlined in (a) to (e) above, which are relevant to their Ward.

48 HOUSING RENEWAL POLICY 2008-09

The Board considered the report of the Housing Services Manager (a copy of which is attached in the Minute Book as Appendix 'B'). A formally adopted Housing Renewal Policy was required in order to implement changes to the home repair and adaptation system.

Clarification was given following a Member's question regarding a small area of wording in the report.

RESOLVED: That

- (a) the new draft Housing Renewal Policy for 2008-09 be approved; and
- (b) the Board recommends to the Policy and Organisation Board (meeting 12 March 2008) that the Housing Renewal Policy be formally adopted.

The meeting commenced at 6pm and concluded at 6.05pm.

CHAIRMAN