

**HOUSING PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE****27 October 2003****Attendance:**

## Councillors:

Steel (Chairman) (P)

Clohosey (P)  
Berry (P)  
Craig (P)  
Hoare (P)  
LoveMaynard (P)  
McKay  
Nunn (P)  
Oxley (P)  
Tait (P)**Others in attendance:**Mr A Rickman (TACT)  
Ms H Dewdney (TACT)

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**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked or statements made.

**2. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY**

(Report CAB669 refers)

The above report was considered at Cabinet on 30 July 2003 and it resolved to ask this Committee whether it considered that any revisions should be made to the Strategy.

In answer to Members' questions, the Director of Health and Housing explained that the performance measurements set out in Section 5 were either government targets or had been arrived at from certain assumptions made on Officers' previous experience.

The Chairman noticed that the terms 'people' and 'households' were used throughout the Strategy and commented that it was difficult to understand if these had the same meaning. He requested that the terms used be consistent, for ease of tracking. The Director of Health and Housing agreed.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the report be noted and no revisions other than as outlined above be made at this stage.

2. That Cabinet be requested to report progress to this Committee every six months.

3. **HOUSING BUDGET MONITORING – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2003/04**  
(Report HO16 refers)

In response to a Member's question, the Director of Health and Housing confirmed that the savings relating to Sheltered Services vacancies would be fed into the budget projection for next year.

It was also noted that the variance shown at line d) of Appendix B to the report was an amount incurred but not yet invoiced.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

4. **HOUSING GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2004/05**  
(Report HO17 refers)

The Director of Health and Housing advised that the Housing Revenue Account proposals were not included in the above report as guidance from the Government would not be received until late November 2003. He anticipated that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED:

That it be recommended to Cabinet that the Housing General Fund revenue growth bid of £45,000 (full year cost) and savings totalling £12,000 as detailed in Section 2 of the report be approved.

5. **HOUSING PERFORMANCE MONITORING – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2003/04**  
(Report HO18 refers)

The Director of Health and Housing circulated a paper giving additional information to that contained in Appendix 4 to the above report, which the Chairman agreed to accept as a matter of urgency, in view of the need to consider along with report HO18. It gave details of affordable housing schemes already commenced, schemes expected to commence shortly and schemes still awaiting funding.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report, and the additional information contained in Appendix 4 as circulated at the meeting, be noted.

6. **HOUSING BEST VALUE REVIEW – PROGRESS AGAINST THE IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN**  
(Report HO19 refers)

Regarding paragraph 2.2 a) of the above report, the Director of Health and Housing advised that this report would be submitted to Personnel Committee in December 2003, not January 2004 as reported.

RESOLVED:

That the progress against Improvement Action Plan be noted and that the revised target dates proposed in paragraph 2.2 of the report be approved.

7. **SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:

That the Scrutiny Work Programme be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 7.45pm.

Chairman