



CHELTENHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee
8th June 2006

Reference from Cabinet – Extract of Draft Minute
The Future for Tenant Participation in Cheltenham – Progress report (agenda item 6)

The Cabinet Member Community Development and Housing introduced this report which had been circulated with the agenda. He explained that at its meeting on 11th March the then Cabinet had requested that the recommendations within the consultants report 'Future Developments for Tenant Involvement in Cheltenham' be progressed with tenant and leaseholder representatives and stakeholders and a further report be brought back to Cabinet in July 2008. He drew particular attention to a number of key issues including:-

- The new group will represent both tenants and leaseholders – the previous Federation just related to tenants, and leaseholders met separately
- The emphasis is on capacity building with tenants and leaseholders running a new organisation from their own place – a range of inspirational milestones have already been agreed as set out in 3.3 of the report
- A new representative has been nominated for the Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

In recommending the report to Cabinet, the Cabinet Member Community Development and Housing report indicated that in his view there has to be an autonomous body that represents the interest of CBH's clients and whose role is to continually examine and constructively criticise the Council and CBH services. An effective independent tenants/leaseholders body with a mandate wider than just rents and repairs is key in this.

In response to a question from the Cabinet Member Built Environment, the Cabinet Member Community Development and Housing indicated that the body should be a spokesman not only for its current members but for the very idea of social housing. CBH were generally recognised for providing a good quality service and other Registered Social Landlords could learn from its experience and good practice.

The Cabinet noted progress made to date and the further recommendations for progressing the issue and referred the report to Social and community Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration and recommendations.

(Executive Decision 14/2008 attached)

CABINET DECISION REPORT FORM

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1. Decision made

The Cabinet noted the progress made to date and further recommendations for progressing this issue and referred the report to Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration and recommendation.

2. Identity of the Decision Maker

Cabinet

3. Date of Decision

22nd July 2008

4. Reasons for Decision

To facilitate further cross party consultation with the relevant Overview and Scrutiny on the future direction for tenant involvement in the borough.

5. Consultation undertaken

Tenant and leaseholder representatives and stakeholders have been involved in the full process and have been consulted on the content of this report. It has also been considered by Cheltenham Borough Homes.

6. Results of Consultation

The Future for tenant Participation in Cheltenham - Progress Report
Report of the Cabinet Member Community Development and Housing

7. Alternative options considered and rejected by the Cabinet at the meeting

None

8. Background documents

Cabinet Report – the Future for Tenant Involvement in Cheltenham – 11th
March 2008

9. Interests declared

None

10. Dispensation

Was a dispensation given by the Standards Committee in respect of any declaration of interest listed at 9?

NOT APPLICABLE

YES

NO

Date of dispensation ...N/A.....

Questions for the Committee

- 1) Does the Committee wish to accept the referral?
- 2) Does the Committee wish to deal with the issue by discussion at a future meeting?; or
- 3) Does the Committee wish to set up a small working group to look at the issue and bring a report back to a future meeting