

Housing review member working group

Terms of reference

Chair:	Councillor Klara Sudbury
Members:	Three to five councillors, plus chair or vice chair of social and community overview and scrutiny committee
Co-optees:	CBH board members and CBH officers will be asked to participate at relevant times.
Officer support:	Jane Griffiths, Mike Redman, Kath Rees, Erin Davies

Purpose:

To support the development of a report to Cabinet by October 2011, that will set out the strategic direction for housing in Cheltenham, given the national change to the affordable rent regime, self financing of the HRA, future changes to the planning policy framework and welfare reforms.

Specific remit:

1. To consider the outcomes which the council may want to commission in the context of the affordable rents programme, self financing and HRA changes, future changes to the planning policy framework and welfare reforms;
2. To better understand the implications for those living in the social rented sector and the likely impact on the wider community and economy of Cheltenham;
3. To better understand the implications and opportunities for CBH (the council's arms length management company and preferred development partner) including the affordable rent product and HCA funding;
4. To consider concerns, risks and opportunities with the current CBC service delivery arrangements, following CBC restructuring and the opportunities for alternative delivery models;
5. To consider feedback from stakeholders – e.g. other registered providers, private landlords, organisations involved in supporting those in the social rented sector and related best practice;
6. To advise how best to engage with other members and stakeholders;
7. To act as champions for the review and to use this as an opportunity to develop the member role in commissioning.