



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Central & Corporate Functions)

Date: 7th July 2009

Subject: Report of Scrutiny Board Working Group – ALMOs Meeting the Equality Standard and Preparing for Inspection

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 At its June 2008 meeting Members established a Working Group to look at whether diversity and equality issues were being adequately addressed by ALMOs. The drivers for this were the pending inspections and the key lines of enquiry (KLOEs) used by the Audit Commission Housing Inspectorate when carrying out inspections. The purpose of this report is to report back to the full Committee the deliberations of the Working Group.

Membership

- 1.2 The Working Group consisted of Councillors Dobson, Atha and Chastney. Councillor Anderson attended at the invitation of the Working Group as Chair of Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods). It met on 24th June 2008.
- 1.3 The Working Group was assisted by John Statham – Strategic Landlord Manager, Lelir Yeung – Head of equality and Alex Hannant – Senior Project Officer, Chief Executive's. The conclusions of the Working Group are attached as Appendix 1

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to agree the attached statement and circulate as appropriate.