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Dear Councillor

MEMBER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 4TH MARCH 2009 – LATE ITEM

I attach a copy of a report entitled 'Council Housing Investment Review – Councillor Consultation Group' which the Chair has admitted to the above agenda as a late item.

The Chair has accepted the addition of the item in order to facilitate progress of the review and allow for the commencement of meetings in April.

I would be grateful if you could include the report with your papers for the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Ian Walton
Principal Governance Officer

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Report of the Member Management Committee

Date: 4 March 2009

Subject: Council Housing Investment Review - Councillor Consultation Group

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Executive Summary

The Council is currently undertaking consultation into the way in which it will invest in Council Housing in Leeds in the future. The Executive Member for Environment and Neighbourhoods and Councillor Richard Lewis have proposed the establishment of Councillor Consultation Group sessions, with representation from the three main political parties to review future investment.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report seeks agreement from Members on the proposals to establish a Councillor Consultation Group to support the Review of Council Housing Investment following approval from Executive Board in January 2009.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 In January 2009 Executive Board approved the proposal for the Council to commence an options appraisal to determine the long term vision for Council Housing in Leeds and assess the financial and organisational options available to deliver the vision.

2.2 As part of this options appraisal, consultation is required to review Council Housing investment and the future options for investment into Council Housing in Leeds.

2.3 Following discussions between the Executive Member for Environment and Neighbourhoods and Councillor Richard Lewis, it has been proposed to establish a Councillor Consultation Group comprising of:

- 2 Conservative Party Members, to include Councillor Les Carter,
- 2 Liberal Democrat Party Members,
- 3 Labour Party Members, to include Councillor Richard Lewis

2.4 It is proposed that the Group will meet initially at the start of April 2009. Frequency of future Group sessions will be determined at this initial meeting.

2.5 It is proposed that in order to ensure the process of consultation remains independent that nominated Members should not already be members of any ALMO Board.

3.0 Conclusions

3.1 Nominations from the three main parties to attend these Group sessions have been requested with a view to scheduling the initial Group meeting at the start of April 2009. These nominated Members should not already be a member of an ALMO Board.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 Members are asked to:

4.1.1 Approve the proposals for Group size and constitution

4.1.2 Agree that nominated Members should not already be a member of an ALMO Board to ensure the consultation process is independent.

4.1.3 Agree the following:

- 1 further Member nomination from the Conservative party
- 2 Member nominations from the Liberal Democrat party
- 2 further Member nominations from the Labour party

5.0 Background Information

5.1 This report makes reference to Executive Board report on 'The future options for investment in Council housing', written by John Statham, approved at the Executive Board on 14 January 2009.

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