



Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods

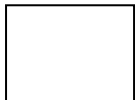
Member Management Committee

Date: 30th October 2007

Subject: Councillor Nominations to the Affordable Housing Strategic Partnership Board.

Electoral Wards Affected:

All



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to formalise the appointment of the political representatives to the Affordable Housing Strategic Partnership Board (AHSPB)

2.0 Background

2.1 In March 2007 the Executive Board of the Council approved the establishment of a Strategic Partnership to develop affordable Housing solutions in Leeds.

2.2 77 acres of Housing Revenue Account land was set aside for the development of affordable housing.

2.3 In June 2007 the Executive Board approved the governance arrangements for the partnership and the membership of the Board that would govern the partnership. It was agreed that the Board would be a mixture of senior Council Officers and key external partners representing English Partnerships, the Housing Corporation, the Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber and Re'new. The Board would be chaired by a senior politician.

2.4 Cllr. Andrew Carter agreed to chair the group and following the first Board meeting it was agreed that there should be cross party representation on a Board dealing with such an important issue.

2.5 The importance of the issue was underlined by the recent publication of the government's green paper on "Homes for the future: more affordable, more sustainable". Within this document, which sets out the current government's direction on housing, Leeds was recognised for having set up the AHSPB.

3.0 Political Nominations

- 3.1 As mentioned at 2.4 Cllr. Andrew Carter has agreed to chair the Board and the Board agreed to seek cross party nominations to the Board. A letter was sent to the whips offices asking for nominations and Cllr. Richard Lewis was nominated from the Labour group and Cllr. Judith Chapman from the Liberal Democrat group.
- 3.2 Subsequent to this advice has been received that the correct process for the political nominations should have been following a report to the Member Management Committee.
- 3.3 This report, therefore, seeks retrospective approval for three nominations to the AHSPB.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 Member Management Committee is asked to approve the nomination of Cllrs. Andrew Carter, Richard Lewis and Judith Chapman to the AHSPB.