



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Neighbourhoods and Housing)

Date: 20th July 2006

Subject: ALMO Review Update

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its June meeting, the Board agreed to receive an update on the review process currently being undertaken for the ALMOs.
- 1.2 The background to the review has been circulated to Members previously. In May 2005 it was reported that there was a need to review the long term future of ALMOs in Leeds, taking into account the financial viability of six ALMOs, the removal of Government restrictions on the size of ALMOs and the continuing reduction of the stock size. It was also recognised that the Government was due to provide its long term view of ALMOs and there was a need to ensure that the Council's arrangements would be able to take advantage of any freedoms and flexibilities offered.

2.0 Report Submitted to the Board

- 2.1 Attached is a report that provides the Board with the latest information on the ALMO review and the conclusions reached. Outlined in the report are the benefits and achievements of the ALMOs which can be built on, the proposals for the number of ALMOs to manage the Council's stock and consultation proposals. This report was considered by the Executive Board on 5th July 2006.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 The Board is requested to note the information within the attached report and decide whether further scrutiny is required.