

EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor K Wakefield in the Chair

Councillors A Blackburn, J Blake, A Carter,
S Golton, P Gruen, R Lewis, T Murray,
A Ogilvie and L Yeadon

Councillor J Dowson – Non-voting Advisory Member

98 Declaration of Interests Councillors A Carter, Golton, Murray, Ogilvie, R Lewis and Blake all declared personal interests in the item relating to the future of Council Housing (Minute No. 111 refers), due to their respective positions as either a Board Director or an Area Panel member of an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) or Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation (BITMO).

A further declaration of interest was made at a later point in the meeting. (Minute No. 111 refers).

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

111 Future of Council Housing

Further to Minute No. 168, 14th January 2009, the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report providing details of the outcomes from the Future of Council Housing Review, making recommendations both in relation to key reforms to the current system and also regarding a preferred model for Council house provision in Leeds, in addition to outlining proposals regarding a change in relationship between the Council and the ALMOs, with regard to pension liabilities.

With regard to the long term vision for the management of council housing provision in Leeds, the following options were outlined within the submitted report:-

1. Returning the management of the stock to the Council;
2. Transferring the ownership of the stock to a Housing Association, created for the purpose of the transfer;
3. A mixed approach which could involve ALMOs, PFI, transfer and return to the Council parts of the stock;
4. The continuation of an ALMO model.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the continuation of the three ALMO model be supported.
- (b) That the establishment of the Strategic Governance Board and a Shared Services Centre, as set out within the submitted report, be

agreed, subject to the addition of the Chair and the Chief Executive of Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation (BITMO) to the membership of the Strategic Governance Board.

- (c) That the revisions to the Management Agreements and constitutions of the ALMOs, in order to reflect the role of the Strategic Board, be agreed.
- (d) That approval be given to phased implementation from 1st April 2011, with work beginning immediately on the change programme.
- (e) That the proposals for the future arrangements regarding the provision of FRS17 in relation to the ALMOs be agreed.
- (f) That the transfer of ALMO cash reserves not identified to be used to sustain their business plans to the Housing Revenue Account be agreed.
- (g) That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods together with the ALMO Chief Executives, be required to bring a report back to the March 2011 Executive Board, outlining the progress towards implementation of the above recommendations and the savings both achieved and planned.

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5, Councillor A Carter required it to be recorded that he abstained from voting on the decisions referred to within this minute).

(Councillor A Blackburn declared a personal interest in this item, due to her position as a Director of West North West Leeds Homes ALMO)

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**LAST DATE FOR CALL IN
OF ELIGIBLE DECISIONS:** 12TH NOVEMBER 2010 (5.00 P.M.)

(Scrutiny Support will notify Directors of any items called in by 12.00noon on 15th November 2010).