

Decision Maker: Renewal & Recreation PDS Committee
Care Services PDS Committee

Date: 10th July 2012/4th September 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: **COUNCIL MOTION – HOUSING NEED**

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

1.1 At the meeting of the Council on 25th June 2012, a motion was approved asking the Care Services and Renewal and Recreation PDS Committees to set up a working group to consider housing need in the borough. Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee on 10th July agreed that the working group should be set up and nominated Councillors Kathy Bance, Nicky Dykes and John Ince as members.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **That the Committee agrees that a Housing Working Group be set up and nominates Members to serve on it.**

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable:
 2. BBB Priority: Supporting Independence:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost: The Working Group will be supported by officers from within existing resources.
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Democratic Services
 4. Total current budget for this head: £320,320
 5. Source of funding: 2012/13 Revenue budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): There are 8 posts (7.22fte) in the Democratic Services Team
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not applicable

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 At the meeting of the Council a motion, proposed by Councillor Peter Fookes and seconded by Cllr Kathy Bance, was considered concerning housing need in the borough. After amendment the motion was unanimously approved in the following terms –

“This Council resolves that the Care Services PDS Committee and the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee should set up a Housing Working Party to address the increasing problems of housing need in this borough”

3.2 Both Committees have been requested to consider this and to nominate a small number of members to make up the Working Group. Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee on 10th July agreed that the working group should be set up and nominated Councillors Bance, Dykes and Ince. The draft minutes from that meeting are attached as appendix 1.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Council minutes 25 th June 2012

Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee

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In June 2012, Members of the Council approved the setting-up of a working group to consider housing needs within the Borough. The group should comprise Members of both the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee and the Care Services PDS Committee.

Members were in favour of the establishment of a working group. Although responsible for setting its own terms of reference, it was suggested that the group restrict itself to the consideration of housing policies and strategies.

Councillors Ince, Bance and Dykes were nominated to serve as Members of the Working Group.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1 a Housing Working Group comprised of Members from both the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee and the Care Services PDS Committee be set up; and**
- 2 Councillors John Ince, Kathy Bance and Nicky Dykes be appointed from the R&R PDS Committee to serve as Members of the Working Group.**