

HOUSING MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 29
Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Local Delivery Vehicle
Date of Meeting: 23 September 2008
Report of: Director of Adult Social Care and Housing
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Wards Affected: All

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1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 Following the recommendation of the Housing Management Consultative Committee at its meeting on 22 July 2008 that the Housing Cabinet Member approve to proceed to the proposed development and finalisation phases of Stage 2 of the review of Housing Green Paper options, the proposal to establish a housing Local Delivery Vehicle (LDV) has been developed and refined.
- 1.2 The purpose of the LDV is:
- To bring in additional investment of up to £45 million to improve council homes and thus to meet Decent Homes Standard and tenant aspirations for improvement of the stock
 - To meet strategic housing and corporate priorities. In particular, to provide accommodation for people with particular needs to whom the council owes a housing duty
 - To refurbish the leased stock.
- 1.3 The proposal complies with the following parameters, which were set in the light of tenants' overwhelming rejection of the stock transfer proposal in 2007:
- No RSL involvement
 - No freehold transfer
 - No transfer of tenanted properties
 - Maximum transfer of 499 properties within a period of 5 years.
- 1.4 To reflect the interests of council tenants, it is proposed that the LDV is established with Brighton & Hove City Council tenants (to be selected by Area Housing Management Panels) comprising one third of the board of management. Tenants would also have one third of the voting rights at company membership level.

1.5 The Cabinet will consider recommendations to set up the proposed LDV at its meeting on 24 September 2008, where the outcome of consultation meetings with tenants and tenants' representatives and any representations made by Housing Management Consultative Committee will be reported orally. Full details of tenant consultation arrangements are included in section 4 of the Cabinet report, attached at Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That the Housing Management Consultative Committee consider the report for the Cabinet meeting on 24 September 2008 regarding the establishment of the proposed Local Delivery Vehicle (LDV) and the granting of leases, attached at Appendix 1.
- (2) That the Housing Management Consultative Committee consider any representations they may wish to make to Cabinet.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Local Delivery Vehicle report to Cabinet for its meeting on 24 September 2008.

Background Documents

1. Housing Green Paper report to Housing Management Sub-Committee 11 March 2008.
2. Housing Green Paper Options Review report to Housing Management Consultative Committee 22 July 2008.

