

## EXECUTIVE – 29 MARCH 2011

### COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITY O&S COMMITTEE -22 MARCH 2011

9. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT, QUARTER 3 (OCTOBER-DECEMBER) 2010/11 (Appendix E)

The Committee received the report that detailed performance for the third three-month period of 2010/11 for those indicators within the remit of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the report from the Community Performance Sub-Committee.

Following discussion members agreed that the proposed target of 85% for the new indicators LHM9a and LHM9b – Percentage of responsive repairs appointments made at the first point of contact / Percentage of responsive repairs contractor appointments kept – was not challenging enough and in the light of the data collected from the first three quarters should be raised to 87%.

13. RUNNING A BUSINESS FROM HOME (Appendix I)

The Committee received the report and Policy document that had been produced to promote working from home and which offered clear guidance to officers and tenants on the permission criteria, promotion activity and support available to run a business from home.

The Committee supported the promotion of home enterprise and support for tenants who wished to run a business from home.

21. WAVERLEY INITIATIVES (Appendix Q)

The Committee received a report that gave details of the purpose and procedure in the setting up of Waverley Initiatives Ltd, a company wholly-owned by Waverley Borough Council to be a social enterprise and deliver community services to residents of the borough.

Before completion of the project, the government had announced its self-financing proposals for local authority housing stock, and when the Council had requested formal Consent from the Secretary of State to dispose of some properties to Waverley Initiatives, Consent had not been granted because of the potential impact on debt redistribution.

The Committee noted that when the proposal was presented to Members in February 2011, it required £2.1m of capital receipts currently held by the Council for affordable housing, to be lent to the company. Members now wished to strongly recommend to the Executive that this sum would only be used in the most effective way in the near future for building new affordable houses and improving the existing housing stock.

It was therefore proposed and agreed that a report be brought to the autumn meeting identifying options for the utilisation of the £2.1m of capital receipts and that the recommendation to the Executive be amended as such.