

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**SOCIAL INCLUSION AND HOUSING SELECT COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, 5 JUNE, 2006 AT 4.00 P.M.**  
**CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Hewitt, S.M. (Vice-Chairman)

Collis, C.  
Faulkner, B.  
Todd, Mrs. D.M.

Toth, J.  
Williams, A.

Also present: Chase Tenants' and Residents' Federation Representatives:-

Mr. L. Lloyd  
Mr. R. Wells  
Mrs. V. Lloyd

Mrs. A. Ames  
Mr. A. Derry  
Mrs. D. Whitehouse

(Councillor S.M. Hewitt was in the chair for the meeting.)

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R.G. Meaden (Chairman), J.T. Kraujalis and Mrs. H. Heath, Chase Tenants' and Residents' Federation Representative.)

**1. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>Type</b>
Toth, J.	Member of Staffordshire County Council	Personal
Toth, J.	Member of Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council	Personal
Toth, J.	CCTV/Home Alarms – Family Connection	Personal

**2. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 April, 2006 were approved as a correct record.

### **3. Presentation**

Members welcomed Bob Phillips, Head of Planning and Regeneration, Ian Tennant, Head of Housing and Mike Edmonds, Head of Commercial Operations who gave presentations to the Select Committee on Strategic Housing, Housing Services and Housing and Council Tax Benefit Service. (A copy of the presentations are attached at Annex 1).

Members were then afforded the opportunity to ask questions regarding each of the presentations.

### **4. Strategic Housing Presented by Bob Phillips**

Bob Phillips made a presentation to Members relating to Strategic Housing, he raised a number of points regarding the Strategic and Operational roles of the Housing Service, in particular what was covered by the service, key issues, performance issues, budget issues and performance issues.

A number of points were raised by Members of the Select Committee, which included the following: -

- Identifying homes that were not maintained to the Decent Homes standard, and in particular identifying neighbourhoods of concern.
- Decent homes should not just be associated with Council housing but that of private dwellings.
- Concern raised with the cost of housing, and current targets associated with temporary accommodation for homelessness people in 2005-06.
- The landlord accreditation scheme - identified as being well attended through the landlord forums.

### **Housing Services Presented by Ian Tennant**

Ian Tennant made a presentation to Members relating to the role of Housing Services, the key activities within the service, the Housing Revenue Account 2006-07, HRA Capital Programme 2006-07 and Performance of improving the Housing Stock.

Members discussed the HRA Capital Programme and in particular £6.5 million in resources which would not be spent during 2007/08.

### **5. Determination of Work Programme**

Members identified the following areas as potential review topics of the Social Inclusion and Housing Select Committee.

- Engaging the Community
- Policy on the Decent Homes Standard
- Homelessness

Members discussed the potential review topics and agreed that an additional meeting be arranged in order for Members to consider the topics and agree the work programme.

RESOLVED:

That a meeting of Members of the Social Inclusion and Housing Select Committee be convened in order to agree the work programme for 2006/07.

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CHAIRMAN