

COUNCIL MEETING

29TH JUNE 2005

ITEM 4 – MAIN DEBATE – THE FUTURE OF COUNCIL HOMES IN STEVENAGE

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL FROM THE EXECUTIVE (21ST JUNE 2005)

1. That the report drafted by the officers in consultation with the informal Housing Strategy Group be received.
2. That Council note that SBC does not have sufficient funds to meet the Government's Decent Homes Standard by 2010.
3. That, subject to 4 below, an Arms Length Management Organisation be established to manage and maintain the Council's Housing Stock and that it makes a submission to Go-East and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) to this effect.
4. That the proposal for the ALMO option in its submission should be made subject to the Government negating the adverse effect of the minimum revenue provision formula on the Council's General Fund.
5. That Council record its thanks to the Housing Strategy Group for their work.
6. That the comments submitted by UNISON be noted and where practicable the Council will endeavour to incorporate them when establishing the ALMO.
7. That the staffing implications of the Executive's recommendation to Council be the subject of formal consultation with the unions as appropriate.

NOTE: That in addition to the above recommendations to Council the Executive also agreed –

8. *That in the event of Council agreeing to establish an ALMO, the Deputy Leader write to the ODPM requesting reimbursement of the costs of this process.*
9. *That in the event of Council agreeing the recommendations, officers be requested to submit a detailed report to the Executive on the process, implementation and timetable for establishing the ALMO.*