

Minutes of the Meeting of the HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2005 at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Draycott - Chair
Councillor Allen- Conservative Spokesperson
Councillor Smith- Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

Councillor Corrall Councillor Karim
Councillor Keeling Councillor Shelton

Co-opted Member

Christine Cronogue - Leicester Federation of Tenants' Associations

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82. ISSUES REFERRED FROM COUNCIL

The Corporate Director of Housing submitted a report highlighting two issues referred to Scrutiny by Council during the debates on the Housing Capital Programme 2004/05 and 2005/08 and the Housing Revenue Account 2005/06. The items related to 'HomeCome' and the Bathroom and Kitchen Modernisation Programme, Play Equipment in Housing Areas and the Housing telephone system.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) that Cabinet be recommended that for the year 2005/06, the figure of £3 million be programmed for 'HomeCome', this being the anticipated figure of commuted sums and in the event that this figure is exceeded, the surplus should be awarded to 'HomeCome';
- (2) that Cabinet be informed that Housing Scrutiny Committee support the programme of Bathroom/Kitchen Modernisation but seek assurance that this will be targetted at the elderly in its initial stages;

- (3) that the issue of play equipment in Housing areas be referred to the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture;
- (4) that Cabinet be informed of the Scrutiny Committee's commitment to the a new telephony system be endorsed for 2005/06 as part of the Housing Capital Programme.