



Leicester  
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2005 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Allen - Chair

Councillor Smith- Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

Councillor Keeling

Councillor Llyoyd Harris

Councillor Westley

Co-opted Member

Mr George Narraway

Leicester Federation of Tenants' Associations

**86. PLANNING AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The Corporate Director of Housing and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture submitted a joint report updating the Committee on planning and affordable housing matters within the City, including feedback from the Local Plan Inspector. The report also gave a briefing on the recent Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's Consultation Paper, "Planning for Mixed Communities".

It was noted that Leicester's current Affordable Housing Policy stated that the Council would seek at least 30% affordable housing on developments of 25 or more dwellings, or at least 1 hectare or more outside the Strategic Regeneration Area. The four planning applications in that category determined so far in this financial year were for a total of 473 dwellings, of which 137 (29%) would be affordable homes. The ODPM consultation paper called for a lowering of the minimum site size threshold at which affordable housing should be sought to 15 dwellings/0.5 hectares. The deadline for comments on the Consultation paper was 15 April and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Culture and the Corporate Director of Housing would submit a joint response

The Scrutiny Committee was asked for its comments on this proposed lowering of the threshold at which affordable housing should be sought.

RESOLVED:

that Cabinet be recommended to support the lowering of the minimum site size threshold at which affordable housing

should be sought to 15 dwellings/0.5 hectares.