



Leicester
City Council

EXTRACT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY 3 AUGUST 2006 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Metcalfe - Chair
Councillor Allen (Conservative Spokesperson)
Councillor Draycott (Labour Spokesperson)
Councillor Keeling (Liberal Democrat Spokesperson)

Councillor Dempster Councillor Joshi
Councillor Panchbhaya

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr George Narraway – Leicester Federation of Tenants Association

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

Members declared the following personal and prejudicial interests in the agenda:

Councillor Draycott father-in-law is tenant of a Council owned property
Councillor Joshi sister is tenant of a Council owned property
Councillor Keeling tenant of a Council owned property
Councillor Metcalfe tenant of a Council owned property

32. REVIEW OF ALLOCATION POLICY: FEEDBACK FROM CONSULTATION

The Corporate Director of Housing submitted a report that advised Members of the outcome of the consultation feedback received from stakeholders regarding the review of the Housing Allocations Policy.

The Service Director, Renewal, Options and Development explained that following the consultation three further recommendations had been included. These were recommendations E, I and J.

A Member of the committee was concerned over the proposed withdrawal of the Council from the Homes Mobility Scheme. Members were advised that this was due to that fact that older people who wished to live in Leicester could do so if they had connections in the City. However, by being allocated 250 points under homes mobility, they could be getting priority over older people already in City. The proposal was that both groups should be awarded points according to need in the same way.

The Service Director, Renewal, Options and Development explained that further comments on the report had been sought from the Children and Young People's Department, and that these would be included in the report to Cabinet. Members requested that they wished the Community Safety and Housing Scrutiny to consider the report once the additional comments had been incorporated into the report. It was agreed that a special meeting of the Committee would be arranged prior to the report being considered by Cabinet on 4 September. Therefore, Members agreed to defer approving recommendations a-p as set out in paragraph 3.1.

RESOLVED:

That a special meeting of the Community Safety and Housing Committee be held to consider the Review of Allocation Policy: Feedback from Consultation once additional comments from the Children and Young People's Department had been inserted.