

NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE/ DIRECTOR OF ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BOARD MEETING
19 MARCH 2009

DISTRICT AUDITOR'S REPORT INTO THE COUNCIL'S ALLOCATION OF PROPERTIES TO HOUSING TENANTS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report updates Board on NCH's response to the District Auditor's report published in January.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the report is noted. Board is invited to comment on NCH's actions to date.

3 PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1 NCH reacted positively to the District Auditor's report published in January and is working with NCC to action the report's recommendations. NCH are in the process of agreeing the funding arrangements with NCC. A PR strategy is also being worked on.

Full details of actions taken in response to the report are attached at Appendix A.

4 OTHER OPTIONS

- 4.1 NCH agreed to accept and act on the reports findings. No further options are being considered.

5 FINANCIAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The costs will be considerable and include those relating to the appointment of an HR consultant; Counsel; and any court action in pursuit of any properties obtained or worked on illegally.

6 IMPLICATIONS FOR NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 NCH's values include telling the truth and fairness. Pursuing the District Auditor's findings is in line with these.

7 VALUE FOR MONEY AND EFFICIENCY ISSUES

- 7.1 None.

8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 NCH is pursuing action in line with the District Auditor's report.

9 BACKGROUND MATERIAL AND PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 9.1
- Report under Section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 Nottingham City Council - January 2009
 - Audit Commission Inspection Report on Nottingham City Homes - March 2006
 - Report of the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Regeneration - Audit Commission Act 1998 – Section 8 Public Interest report on allocations of Council properties and related matters - City Council - 9 February 2009

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