

EXECUTIVE – 24 September 2003

Report of the Community Services Policy Unit Manager  
and Housing Manager (Property Services)

*This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Greg Garner*

Updated Housing Strategy and HRA Business Plans

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members for the adoption of updated Housing Strategy and HRA Business Plan documents. This is important, as they will contribute toward establishing the Councils baseline position for the Housing Revenue Account stock option appraisal process.

2. Background

Last year, these two documents were produced and submitted to the Government Office for the South West as part of the Housing Investment Programme. They were subsequently assessed as being 'above average' nationally.

Since that time, a number of issues have emerged or the circumstances relating to a range of existing policies and procedures have changed.

These two documents have, therefore, been modified and updated to reflect the latest positions.

During the next financial year, it is proposed to revise the two documents and submit them to the GOSW to seek approval under the 'fit for purpose' criteria, which, if achieved, will reduce the need for the Council to write detailed plans for housing each year.

3. Recommendation

The Executive is recommended to adopt the updated Housing Strategy and HRA Business Plan documents, subject to any revisions being required.

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Core Priorities – All

