

Present: Councillor Henley (Chairman)
Councillors Brooks, Horsley, Prior-Sankey, Mrs Smith and
A Wedderkopp

Officers: Donna Durham (Democratic Services Officer)
Lesley Webb (Housing Enabling Manager)
David Whitehead (Housing Strategic Services Manager)
John Williams (Chief Housing Officer)

Also Present: Councillors Mrs Allgrove, Critchard and Stone

(The meeting commenced at 7:41 pm).

99. **Apologies**

Councillors R Lees and Mullins

100. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2007 were taken as read and were signed.

101. **Declaration of Interests**

Councillors Brooks, Henley and Prior-Sankey declared a personal interest as members of Somerset County Council.

Councillor Horsley declared a personal interest as a member of Taunton Association for the Homeless.

102. **Housing Green Paper**

Considered report, previously circulated concerning The Housing Green Paper. The Housing Green Paper had the potential to shape the direction that the Housing Services took, particularly in relation to future housing provision. It had been previously agreed that there would be a joint response to the consultation, developed by the five District Councils and the Planning Service at Somerset County Council.

The initial draft of the consultation response to Government had been considered by the Housing Review Panel at its meeting immediately preceding this meeting. It had been agreed that the Panel's comments would be incorporated in the draft. The Executive gave further consideration to the draft response including the comments of the Review Panel

RESOLVED that

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- i) the draft response together with the comments of the Housing Review Panel be agreed;
- ii) the Executive Councillor for Housing Services be authorised to agree any final alterations to the consultation response to the Housing Green Paper prior to it being submitted.

(The meeting ended at 7:58 pm).

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