

The Committee considered a report from the Property Manager, Rob Dally, and Principal Policy Analyst, Dave Hinman, detailing the proposed terms of reference for a Housing Working Party and seeking Councillor representation for that working party.

The terms of reference for the working party were proposed as follows:

“Scope of Work

To consider and make recommendations on housing policy development and such housing initiatives as may be proposed from time to time.

Tasks

To review and update as necessary the current Council Housing Policy Register.

To review the schedule of policy initiatives as agreed by the previous Council and recommend processes to further develop those policies along with a list of priorities and a time frame.

To review housing policy guidelines of similar sized local authorities in New Zealand and initiatives by overseas authorities, eg Vancouver and in Denmark.

To consider and review specific Council housing initiatives as approved or proposed from time to time.

To consider the degree of consultation appropriate for all of the above matters (bearing in mind the Council’s policy of seeking community views) and recommend a consultation plan for each significant issue.”

The Committee **resolved** that:

1. A Housing Working Party be established, comprising the Chairman of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Lesley Keast, Councillor Barbara Stewart, Councillor Sally Thompson and appropriate support staff to oversee outstanding policy issues in accordance with the above terms of reference, and to report back to the Community Services Committee on a quarterly, or as needed, basis, with prioritised recommendations.
2. That the need for and terms of reference of the Working Party be reviewed at the end of the third quarter of 1999.