

9. HOUSING WORKING PARTY TERMS OF REFERENCE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Council terms of reference for the Housing Working Party.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting on Thursday 20 April 2006, the Council resolved:

“That to support the Council’s housing strategy, the Council form a working party to review other options and potential expansion of the Council’s housing stock in association with potential partners (eg Housing New Zealand) and that the brief for this working party and its potential makeup be agreed at a meeting of the Council in May.”

3. Draft terms of reference have been prepared as follows:

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE HOUSING WORKING PARTY

Introduction : At the meeting of the Christchurch City Council held on Thursday 20 April 2006, the Council resolved that *“to support the Council’s housing strategy, the Council form a working party to review other options and potential expansion of the Council’s housing stock in association with potential partners (eg Housing New Zealand) and that the brief for this working party and its potential makeup be agreed at a meeting of the Council in May.*

Purpose : The purpose of the Housing Working Party is to review options for expanding the Council’s housing stock through partnerships with the consequent output contributing to the Council’s draft Social Housing Strategy.

Scope : The Working Party will:

- Identify and explore options for the development of partnerships for housing provision consistent with the Council’s Social Housing Strategy.
- Develop a draft housing partnership protocol, consistent with the Social Housing Strategy, for consideration by the Council.

Membership : Mayor
Councillors Condon, Corbett, Cox, Crighton, Withers.

Milestones :

- June 2006 - Initial meeting of Working Party to establish the work programme.
- July 2006 – Meet with key potential partners
- August 2006 – Develop draft protocols on: the establishment and regular review of social housing partnerships consistent with the Social Housing Strategy and the Council’s investment (finance, assets, other resources).
- September 2006 – Report to the Council.
- 30 September 2006 - Working Party concludes.

Reporting :

- The Working Party will report regularly to the Creating Strong Communities Portfolio Group/Council.
- Seminars will be scheduled at appropriate intervals to inform elected members.
- Outputs will be presented to the Creating Strong Communities Portfolio Group.

Staff Support : • Advice to the Working Party will be provided by the Housing Strategy project team.

Partners : The following have been identified as key potential partners and others may be identified as the project proceeds:

- Housing New Zealand Corporation
- Ministry of Social Development
- Te Puni Kokiri
- Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs
- Ministry of Health
- Department of Corrections
- Canterbury District Health Board
- Christchurch City Mission
- Methodist Mission
- Salvation Army
- Home and Family Society
- Stepping Stones Trust
- Comcare Trust
- Richmond Fellowship
- Christchurch Women's Refuge
- YWCA
- Inner City Interagency Trust
- Age Concern
- Eldercare Canterbury
- Canterbury Property Investors Association
- Ngai Tahu
- Real Estate Institute
- Church Representatives
- Te Wahine Otautahi
- Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation Society
- Abbeyfields
- He Oranga Pounamu – this may be covered by Ngai Tahu reps.
- Te Whatumanawa Maoritanga o Rehua Trust Board
- Refugee and Migrant Service
- Members of Parliament
- Presbyterian Support
- Pathways
- NZCCS
- Beckenham Community Housing Trust
- Catholic Social Services
- Anglican Care
- NZ Housing Foundation
- South City Christian Centre

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no financial or legal considerations associated with this report.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council adopt the draft terms of reference for the Housing Working Party as detailed in paragraph 3 of this report.

BACKGROUND ON HOUSING WORKING PARTY TERMS OF REFERENCE

5. The recommendation to establish a Housing Working Party and for a report to be submitted to the Council outlining the working party's brief and its potential makeup was adopted following consideration of the City Housing annual rental review report on Thursday 20 April 2006.
6. The draft terms of reference provide for appropriate consultation to occur and for the outcomes to feed into the Social Housing Strategy currently being drafted. The timeframe around the life of the working party recognises the necessity for its work to be concluded in time to inform the Social Housing Strategy.

OPTIONS

7. An assessment of options has not been completed as this report complies with a Council decision to develop a terms of reference for a specific project. Any options available relate to the composition of the actual terms of reference and membership of the working party rather than whether or not terms of reference should be considered.