

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

POLICY REVIEW OF COMMUNITY REGENERATION

Purpose

1. To consider the draft terms of reference and project plan for the Committee's review of the role of community groups in community regeneration.

Summary/ Recommendations

2. The Committee is invited to consider the proposed terms of reference and project plan, as set out below.

Background

3. The Committee has decided to undertake a policy review of the role of community groups in community regeneration. At the 20 June meeting the Committee agreed that it would adopt a phased approach to the review, with the initial focus on the policy and funding framework for community regeneration, with subsequent phases to be determined as the review progresses.

4. It was also agreed that the Secretariat would draw up a draft terms of reference and project plan for the review.

(i) Terms of reference

5. In the light of the planned approach to the review, the following terms of reference is put forward for consideration by the Committee:

To consider:

- the policies and programmes aimed at community regeneration which have been adopted by the National Assembly and its sponsored bodies, with a view to making recommendations for streamlining the existing programmes and improving the arrangements for their delivery;
- what further issues the Committee should address on other aspects of the community

regeneration agenda, taking account of the work which has been undertaken for the *Communities First* programme.

(ii) Project plan

6. An outline project plan for the first phase of the review is attached. This takes account of Committee Secretariat's guidance note on best practice in handling policy reviews. The plan allows plenty of time for the Committee to hear the views of community groups themselves, in line with the views expressed by Members.

Committee Secretariat

July 2001

Annex

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OUTLINE TIMETABLE FOR FIRST PHASE OF REVIEW

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| End-July | - | Issue consultation letters |
| October – December (ongoing) | - | Visits to community groups |
| Wednesday 24 October | - | Decide which organisations to invite for oral consultation sessions |

- Thursday 15 November
 - Oral consultation session

(subject to approval of the Business Committee)

- Wednesday 5 December
 - Oral consultation session (part of meeting)

- First meeting, Spring term
 - Oral consultation session (part of meeting)

- Third meeting, Spring term
 - Consideration of emerging issues

- Fifth meeting, Spring term
 - Consideration of draft recommendations

- First meeting, Summer term
 - Consideration of first draft of report

- Third meeting, Summer term
 - Committee signs off draft report

- + 2 weeks
 - Publication of electronic report

- + 4 weeks
 - Publication of printed report