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Iain Phillips Chief Executive

20th July 2005

Dear Councillor,

I hereby give you Notice that a Special Meeting of the **HOUSING SERVICES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, CROOK** on **THURSDAY, 28TH JULY 2005 at 4.00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the strategic objectives and priorities for the Council's Housing Services.
3. To consider ways for the Council to engage with the Gypsy and Traveller communities.
4. To consider a bid on a cross authority basis for funds to set up a choice based lettings scheme.
5. To consider an approach to the medium term future of the repairs and maintenance contract informed by a risk management assessment.
6. To consider the employment of an Estate Caretaker for the Woodhouse Close estate.
7. To consider the need for a Customer Involvement Strategy and Targets for the Housing Services Department.
8. To consider a revised training plan for the Housing Services Department.
9. To consider plans to develop a 'Value for Money' strategy for the Housing Services Department.
10. To consider proposals regarding a procurement strategy for the Housing Services Department.
11. To consider progress on the time bound recommendations of the re-inspection of the Housing Services Department.
12. To consider the Draft Hate Crime Policy and Procedure Guide.

13.To consider the need for an Equality and Diversity Strategy within the Housing Services Department.

14.To consider the Draft Domestic Violence Policy and Procedure Guide.

15.To consider the proposed name for the new Arms Length Management Organisation.

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

Members of this Committee: Councillors Mrs Burn, Mrs Douthwaite, Clements*, Ferguson, Gale, Harrison, Mrs Hilditch, Kay, McKellar, Murphy*, Mrs. Pinkney, Mrs Seabury, J. Shuttleworth, Sinclair, Stonehouse and Mrs Todd.

*Ex-officio, non-voting capacity

Chair: Councillor Gale

Deputy Chair: Councillor Sinclair

TO: All other Members of the Council for information
Management Team