

Special Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13 November 2013



Performance Reporting: Durham City Homes, Dale and Valley Homes and East Durham Homes

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Members with the opportunity to receive performance information in respect of Durham City Homes, Dale and Valley Homes and East Durham Homes.

Background

- 2 With the establishment of the new Unitary Durham County Council on 1 April 2009, there became a mixed economy of former Council housing across County Durham with the County Council retaining the ownership and management of the former Durham City housing stock (Durham City Homes).
- 3 In addition, the County Council also owns the former District housing stock in Wear Valley and Easington. Management of this stock is undertaken by two Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMOs), namely Dale and Valley Homes and East Durham Homes.
- 4 As a result of these changes, Durham County Council is landlord for around 19,000 homes in County Durham. Durham City Homes, our in-house organisation manages around 6000 homes with Dale and Valley Homes and East Durham Homes managing 4260 and 8,500 respectively.
- 5 Members will recall that one of the key recommendations of a previous Overview and Scrutiny Review of Durham City Homes was to establish a mechanism whereby Members of the Council could receive performance information from Durham City Homes and compare this with comparable information from the two ALMOs.
- 6 Accordingly for the last three years, the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee has received the Annual Reports of Durham City Homes, Dale and Valley Homes and East Durham Homes, together with presentations detailing key performance information in relation to their respective organisations.

Current Position

- 7 Presentations are to be given at the meeting on 13 November 2013 by Simon Bartlett, Manager of Durham City Homes, Peter Chaffer, Chief Executive of Dale and Valley Homes and Paul Mains, Chief Executive of East Durham Homes.
- 8 Copies of the Annual Reports for the respective organisations are appended to this report.

Recommendations and reasons

- 9 That the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the Annual Reports of Durham City Homes, Dale and Valley Homes and East Durham Homes and note the detailed performance information provided within their respective presentations.

Background papers

Annual Reports of Durham City Homes, Dale and Valley Homes and East Durham Homes

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – Any financial implications are detailed in the respective Annual Reports

Staffing - Any staffing implications are detailed in the respective Annual Reports

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - Any disability Equality and Diversity issues will be dealt with in accordance with the appropriate legislation.

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights - None

Consultation - None

Procurement - None

Disability Issues – Any disability Discrimination issues will be dealt with in accordance with the appropriate legislation.

Legal Implications - None