

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION
5 JANUARY 2011

REFERENCE FROM THE STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF SOCIAL HOUSING

1.1 Background

At the meeting of the Strategic Housing Advisory Committee ("SHAC") on 5 January 2011, the Committee considered the report of the Director of Regeneration and Communities (copy attached at Appendix A) regarding proposed responses to the consultation document 'Local decisions: a fairer future for social housing'.

The Committee went through each of the responses and the following points were raised and considered important to be included in the response to the consultation:-

- The inclusion of an independent advisory role to help tenants understand the implications of a transfer
- The inclusion that tenants should be given the option to stay on the same tenure or take a new agreement should they be the subject of a forced change

The Committee suggested changes to responses to questions 9, 10, 15, 18, 20, 28 and 30.

1.2 RECOMMENDED:

That the Cabinet Member for Regeneration agrees the proposed responses to the consultation, as amended and set out in Appendix B.