

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Excerpt from Minutes of the Meeting of Housing Working Party

Date: Wednesday, 16th September, 2015

Place: Civic 1 (Civic Centre), Committee Room 6

Present: Councillor Norman MBE (Chairman)
Councillors Ayling, Betson, D Garston, Hadley, *Salter and Ward.
*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31.

In Attendance: S Holland, J Williams, J Chesterton, S Houlden, A Fiske, D Ubaka and R Harris

Start/End Time: 17.00/18.15

****** Part I**

4 Review of Arms Length Management Organisation - South Essex Homes

The Working Party considered a report of the Corporate Director for People to Cabinet on 22nd September 2015, recommending extending the Council's management agreement with South Essex Homes for a 3 year period.

The Chairman advised that the report builds on the consensus reached by the Working Party at the last meeting to extend the management agreement with South Essex Homes.

The Working Party noted the uncertainty around the future of housing, with a Housing Bill to be published shortly.

The Chairman and officers explained the reasons why a 3 year extension was being recommended, rather than a longer or shorter period. The Chairman agreed it would be useful for Cabinet to receive a supplementary report on the point.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet report be endorsed/supported, subject to the production of a supplementary report for Cabinet setting out the rationale for extending the management agreement for a 3 year period.