

Housing Management Sub-Committee

3 May 2001

Minutes of the meeting of the **Housing Management Sub-Committee** held on **3 May 2001** when there were present:

Cllr Mrs M A Weir (Chairman)

Cllr R A Pearson

Cllr Mrs W M Stevenson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R S Allen, P A Capon, C C Langlands, Mrs S J Lemon, T Livings, C R Morgan and Mrs L I V Phillips.

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Clarkson – Head of Revenue and Housing Management

J Bostock – Principal Committee Administrator

128 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 March 2001 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the figure £1,000,400 replacing the figure £1,001, 200 as the total in the essential column of the Appendix.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved

That, under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

129 APPLICATION TO BE ADMITTED TO HOUSING REGISTER BY MR AND MRS G (REF. G(01))

The Sub-Committee considered the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External services) on an application by Mr and Mrs G to be admitted to the Housing Register.

Responding to Member questions, the Head of Revenue and Housing Management advised that:-

- The applicant was currently housed by a private landlord.

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- The application did not meet the Council's local family connection criteria for admission onto the Housing Register.
- Should an applicant be accepted on to the Register, no guarantees could be given as to the timescale within which a suitable property would become available or the location within the District.
- Where applicants do not meet the Council's criteria, Officers normally encouraged them to consider registration with other social landlords.

Whilst having every sympathy for the applicant's position, the Sub-Committee did not feel it could admit the family onto the Housing Register and, accordingly, an award of additional points would not fall for consideration. It could be recognised that a house move would be the way forward. However, given the size of the District Council's waiting list and the number of persons currently in temporary accommodation, it was unlikely early accommodation could be identified within the Rochford District. Members considered it more likely that other Authorities with much larger housing stocks, such as Southend-on-Sea Borough or Basildon District where the family had stronger local connections, would be able to provide accommodation in the near future. Once allocated Local Authority housing, a tenant could apply for a transfer to accommodation in another area via the HOMES scheme.

Resolved

That application G01 for admission to the Housing Register be refused, the applicant to be encouraged to contact nearby Authorities with larger housing stocks where early approval was more likely. (HRHM)

The Meeting commenced at 10.00am and closed at 10.35pm.

Chairman

Date