
TENANT PARTICIPATION COMPACTS

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Members to consider the latest version of the Tenant Participation Compact and Action Plan which was initially agreed between the Council and the Tenants' and Residents' Associations in March 2000.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Government announced last year that it intended to make additional funds available to local authorities for the development of Compacts and the encouragement of more tenants becoming involved in the management of the properties in which they live.
- 2.2 A Good Practice Guide was issued and this was circulated to the two tenants groups operating in the District. Copies were also placed in the Members' Lounge for perusal.
- 2.3 At the Housing Management Sub-Committee of 1 September 1999 nominations were received for membership of the Tenant Involvement Steering Group (TISG) which will have been renewed for this Civic Year at Annual Council. The Steering Group relied heavily on the models contained in the Guide and chose to adopt one particular model as the style for Rochford.

3 FINANCE AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 £16,000 has been included in the 2000/01 Housing Revenue Account budget. £3,000 of this is earmarked for tenant initiated projects and the remainder is for the development of Compacts and further tenant group formation.
- 3.2 The level of Government financial support for Compacts is still emerging at this stage but the likelihood is that around £10,000 of the above will be centrally funded.

4 ACTION PLAN

- 4.1 The appended Action Plan is a general one for the whole of the District. The tenants' groups have not yet let their views be known as to the development of specific action plans for their areas. However, the District plan is drafted widely enough to encompass any specific project under one of its ten key objectives.

4.2 The objectives contain the five key issues as identified by tenants in a survey carried out in Autumn 1999. They are:-

- Working to reduce crime and disorder
- Doing repairs quickly
- Improving neighbourhoods
- Keeping rents low
- Improving older flats and houses

4.3 In addition to the issues identified last year officers and tenants' representatives have been working to improve the following areas which have also been incorporated in the plan:-

- Consultation matters
- Training
- Political liaison
- Performance monitoring
- Tenant participation and further development of Compacts

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RESOLVES**

That the appended Action Plan be adopted as part of the Tenant Participation Compact. (HRHM)

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Background Papers:

None.

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