

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

21 February 2011

Report of the Director of Health and Housing

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 EXTERNAL CONSULTATIONS

Date of reply	Consultation document	Dealt with by
24 November 2010	Kent County Council – Kent and Medway Housing Strategy	Chris Knowles
17 January 2011	Communities and Local Government - Local Decisions: A Fairer Future for Social Housing	Janet Walton

1.1 Local Decisions: A Fairer Future for Social Housing

1.1.1 This document sets out the Government’s plans for reforming the social housing system and includes changes on tenure; the management of housing waiting lists; the homelessness duty; the introduction of a new “affordable rent” tenancy and changes to the council housing finance system. It also addresses measure to improve mobility, and tackle overcrowding and under-occupation. The proposals aim to ensure that social landlords make better use of social housing and target support where it is most needed.

1.1.2 The consultation was aimed at local authorities, housing associations, social housing tenants, people who are registered on social housing waiting lists and voluntary and community organisations. It comprised 30 key questions.

1.1.3 The Council’s draft response to this consultation was discussed with members at the meeting of the Strategic Housing Advisory Board on 10 January.

1.1.4 The response was submitted to CLG on 17 January. A copy will be found at **[Annex 1]**.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None arising from this report.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 None arising from this report.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 None arising from this report.

Background papers:

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Nil

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