
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 OCTOBER 2004

COS.149/04 RESPONSES FROM THE EXECUTIVE

The Committee considered the following Executive's response to matters raised originally by this Committee :

(d) EX185/04 – Provisional Capital Out-turn and Capital Determinations 2003/04 and Revised Capital Programme 2004/05 – References to Housing Strategy.

The Executive on 13 September 2004 had considered references from this Committee and the Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee highlighting concerns on the effect that right to buy sales might be having on Carlisle Housing Association's ability to provide housing for homeless people and the implications for the City Council's emerging Housing Strategy, given the City Council's statutory duties relating to the homeless. The Executive had responded as follows:-

“ That the minute excerpts be noted and taken into account as part of the Housing Strategy consultation.”

Members again expressed disappointment with the Executive's decision and the lack of specific responses to the matters raised by the Overview & Scrutiny Committees. They emphasised that the seriousness of the issues of the effect of right to buy sales and provisions for homeless people deserved better responses from the Executive.

RESOLVED – That the Executive be informed of the Committee's concern over the lack of an adequate response to serious issues such as, the effect of right to buy sales on the ability to provide housing for homeless people and the City Council's statutory duties relating to the homeless. The Committee feels that these issues deserve a more serious response than they got from the Executive.