



COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee Report

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Date of Meeting: 20th November 2006

Title: HOUSING AND HEALTH SERVICES STRUCTURE

Report of: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Report reference: DS.81/06

Summary:

This report provides Members with an update regarding the current Housing and Health Services Structure.

Recommendations:

That the report be noted.

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1.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 A request was made at a previous meeting of the Community Overview & Scrutiny committee for a description of the current Housing & Health Services to be made available to the Committee.
- 1.2 Following the corporate restructure of services in 2005 the Housing & Health Service was placed together with Planning Services under one Head of Service within the Development Services Directorate. The service was then re-structured in March 2006 with the new arrangements operating from the beginning of April. Prior to re-structure, Housing & Health Services had a number of staff on temporary contracts and temporary management arrangements in place.
- 1.3 The current structure for Housing and Health Services is attached as appendix one.

2.0 SERVICE AREAS

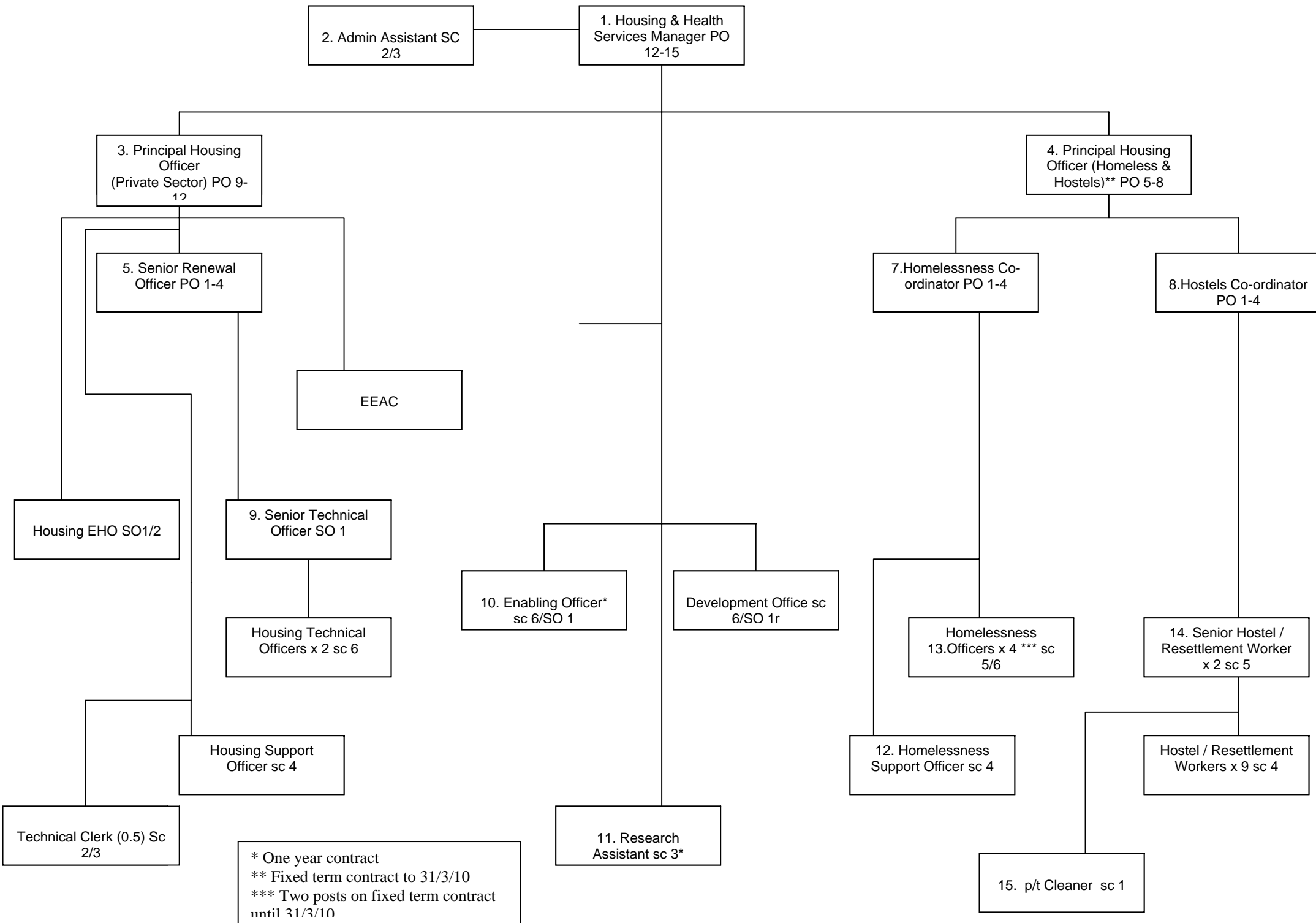
2.1 The following areas of work are provided by the service;

- Private Sector Housing Grants
- Fitness standards for private sector property
- Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's)
- Group Repair & Renewal
- Cumbria Energy Efficiency Advice Centre
- Housing Strategy & research
- Housing Development Programme
- Housing needs assessment
- Homelessness assessment & investigation
- Homelessness prevention
- Hostel management & support
- Sub regional housing work
- Project management

2.2 As well as the delivery of operational functions the adoption of the Housing Strategy in 2005 has meant that the Housing Capital programme has increased with the allocation of £5.3 million over the lifetime of the strategy.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That the report be noted



* One year contract
** Fixed term contract to 31/3/10
*** Two posts on fixed term contract until 31/3/10