

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEETING**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2006**

**Wyre Forest Registered Social Landlord**  
**Wyre Forest Partnership Agreement Update**

<b>OPEN</b>	
<b>COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:</b>	Improved Health and Wellbeing
<b>CORPORATE PLAN THEME:</b>	Enabling and Community Wellbeing
<b>KEY PRIORITY:</b>	Housing and Independent Living
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	Councillor Mrs A T Hingley
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<b>APPENDICES</b>	Appendix 1 - Wyre Forest Housing Partnership Agreement <i>The Appendix to this report has been circulated electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request.</i>

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval to the updated version of the Council's Registered Social Landlord Housing Partnership Agreement with its preferred partners.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

The Cabinet is asked to **DECIDE** that:

- 2.1 **The latest version of the Wyre Forest Registered Social Landlord Agreement (December 2006) is agreed.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Council has a long standing relationship with the Housing Associations (also known as Registered Social Landlords) that are a party to its Housing Partnership Agreement. The current agreement was completed in March 2003 but because of a number of policy changes needs to be updated.

- 3.2 The principles of the Agreement which formalise the working arrangements between the Council and the five Housing Associations are still valid and the Council is well served by an excellent group of organisations which contribute much to the social and economic well being of the area, bring in large sums of inward investment and assist the Council in meeting its housing and wider objectives.
- 3.3 The Council meets regularly with the Associations, holds two full Partnership meetings each year and has an annual review with each Association, all of which involve the Cabinet Member for Planning, Health and Environment.
- 3.4 The Council has taken a strong stance in limiting the number of Housing Associations that it works with, although some smaller specialist Associations or those delivering specific Government programmes also have a presence in the area.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications.

#### **5. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no legal and policy implications.

#### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 It is helpful to minimise risks by working with tried, tested and accountable partners.

#### **7. CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 The Council and its partners need to make some amendments to working arrangements which are set out in the latest version of the Partnership Agreement.

#### **8. CONSULTEES**

- 8.1 Bromford Housing Group
- 8.2 Jephson Housing Association
- 8.3 Waterloo Housing Association
- 8.4 West Mercia Housing Group
- 8.5 Wyre Forest Community Housing Limited

#### **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1 None

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