

## **COUNCIL MEETING - 20 OCTOBER 2010**

### **ITEM 8- AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

#### **Views of the Tenant and Resident Forum – paragraph 5 of report refers**

As part of the review process, a small working group from the Tenants and Residents Forum met on 12 October 2010. The feedback from the working group is:

1. The principle of introducing such schemes was accepted.
2. In the case of Findon and Firbeck, the representatives wanted it known that they did not want any compensation/home loss packages to be affected by virtue of the introduction of these schemes. They did not wish to be disadvantaged by their introduction.
3. In the case of the Cash to Leave Scheme it was felt that Section 9 (Property Location) should be amended to allow any payment made through the Cash to Leave scheme to be able to be used towards a purchase of a property anywhere in the Country. It was felt that imposing a location restriction was not appropriate and that the section should be amended accordingly.

#### **Motion to be moved by Councillor Mrs Hopley**

- A. That Minute 61 of Cabinet held on 14 September 2010, as detailed in paragraph 3 of the report, be endorsed.
- B. That Minute 28 of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 30 September 2010, detailed in paragraph 4 and the comments of the Tenants and Residents Forum as detailed in paragraph 5 and as circulated at the meeting, be noted.
- C. That Section 9 ('property location) of the "Cash to Leave Scheme" set out at Appendix B to the report be amended by the removal of any property location purchase restrictions, so that those tenants receiving payment under the Scheme would be able to purchase a property anywhere within the United Kingdom.
- D. That a funding adjustment be made whereby the balance of the £140,000 on the affordable housing capital budget be swapped with the existing HRA revenue contribution to capital budget in order to enable the Transfer Incentive Scheme which is revenue in nature to proceed.