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EXECUTIVE

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

MEETING 8TH JULY 2003

PRESENT: Councillor Nick Stanton, Leader (In the Chair)

Councillor Caroline Pidgeon, Deputy Leader

Councillor Beverley Bassom, Housing

Councillor Catherine Bowman, Regeneration and

Economic Development

Councillor James Gurling, Communication &

Performance Improvement

Councillor Catriona Moore, Health and Social Care

Councillor Richard Porter, Community Safety,

Social Inclusion & Youth

Councillor Bob Skelly, Education & Culture Councillor Lorraine Zuleta, Resources

6.2 MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.9 – EAST DULWICH ESTATE

At the above meeting of the Executive we considered the following motion referred from Council Assembly on 30th April 2003, which had been moved by Councillor Peter John and seconded by Councillor Veronica Ward:-

- 1. That Council Assembly calls on the Executive to receive an urgent and comprehensive report on the East Dulwich Estate to include:
 - (1) A description of the refurbishment needed to achieve the decent homes standard and other estate improvements requested by residents at their Planning for Real Day together with estimated costs of carrying out this work to the Estate and all existing blocks via capital and planned maintenance.
 - (2) A clear explanation of the financial strategy which the Council has adopted to date to fund refurbishment and regeneration on the Estate, including how this relates to the Southwark Estates Initiative (SEI) and the consequences and outcomes of decoupling works to the estate from the SEI programme and refurbishing all of the blocks without any demolition, (eg. time frame, extent of work which could be carried out, etc)
 - (3) A detailed explanation of how any demolition and rehousing would be carried out so that it conforms to the Council's Decanting Policy, given the residents and tenants consistent opposition to such proposals.

- (4) A full explanation of how residents have been consulted to date and how their choices have been explained to them.
- 2. That Council Assembly also requests the Executive to consider how residents should be consulted on the implications of the financing choices above, together with the option of disposing of certain blocks for purposes of rehabilitation rather than demolition and urges that this consultation should take place with every tenant on the Estate.
- 3. That the Executive is recommended to obtain further and comprehensive advice on the principle of holding a ballot on all feasible options and on the consequences of all possible outcomes resulting from such a ballot.

Having considered the motion, we agreed the following:

- 1. That the Motion be noted.
- 2. That the Strategic Director of Housing be instructed to establish a Budget for the EDERPT to continue their work.
- That the Strategic Director of Housing be instructed to make clear to tenants what decant policy will apply to them and make clear to leaseholders in what circumstances the Council will offer them alternative accommodation.

COUNCILLOR NICK STANTON

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL