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| <b>Item No.</b><br>6.1A            | <b>Classification:</b><br>Open | <b>Date:</b><br>July 20 2005                                  | <b>MEETING NAME</b><br>Council Assembly |
| <b>Report title:</b>               |                                | Housing Strategy 2005 – 2010 Recommendations of the Executive |   |
| <b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b> |                                | All   |   |
| <b>From:</b>                       |                                | Executive   |   |

## RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That council assembly consider the recommendations of the executive set out in paragraph 2 below in conjunction with Southwark Housing Strategy 2005 – 2010 item 6.1 of the council assembly agenda.

## BACKGROUND

2. The executive considered the Southwark Housing Strategy 2005 – 2010 at its meeting on July 12 2005 and agreed the following:

That the new Southwark housing strategy (appendix 1 of the report) be recommended to council assembly for agreement subject to the following:-

1. That the use of smart technology in new homes should be encouraged, subject to revenue funding, for extra high support groups particularly people with learning difficulties and young people with severe physical disabilities (pages 51-52 of the strategy document).
2. That it be noted that the council is already over half way towards meeting the Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) targets of energy efficiency of the housing stock having achieved a 15% increase against 1996 levels, but notes the statutory target to achieve the remaining 15% by 2011 and ask officers for a further report on how this will be achieved (page 29 of the strategy document).
3. That it be noted that by next April the energy efficiency measures introduced into new housing association developments will achieve the “very good” and in a number of cases “excellent” eco home rating (page 29 of the strategy document).
4. That the priority given to tackling anti-social behaviour in the strategy is welcomed and officers be instructed to bring forward proposals for introducing demoted tenancies as outlined on page 63 of the strategy document.

5. That council assembly be recommended to support the national campaign outlined in Early Day Motion 48, tabled by Simon Hughes MP, long-standing Liberal Democrat Party policy, Labour Party policy (passed at Labour Party Conference, Brighton, September 2004) and the House of Commons Council Housing Group's 'report on the inquiry into the future funding of council housing 2004/05', for a level playing field for council housing. Council assembly be recommended to ask the executive to lobby the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for a fourth option that will financially enable local authorities to improve their own housing stock, funded by re-investing income from tenants' rents, capital receipts and savings on expensive set-up costs.

| Background Papers            | Held At                          | Contact                    |
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#### Audit Trail

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| <b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER</b> |   |                          |
| <b>Officer Title</b>  | <b>Comments Sought</b>  | <b>Comments included</b> |
| Borough Solicitor & Secretary   | No  | No                       |
| Chief Finance Officer   | No  | No                       |
| <b>Executive Member</b>   |   |                          |
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