

APPENDIX E

DECENT HOMES TASK & FINISH GROUP

1. Confirmation of membership of the Decent Homes Task & Finish Group.

The Group met for the first time in this Council year on 26 October 2009 with membership as follows:

Cllr Victor Duckett (Chairman)	Cllr Nicholas Holder
Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Cable	Cllr Mrs Nerissa Warner-O'Neill
Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis	Cllr Andrew Wilson

2. New Terms of Reference

It was agreed that the terms of reference should be updated.

OLD TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. *To prepare for and carry out visits to two local authorities - one which has achieved the Decent Homes Standard and one that has not.*
2. *To consider the lessons learned from the approach taken by each authority, and how these might be applied to Waverley.*
3. *To identify key issues and questions to be raised at the Community O&S Committee's meeting in Select Committee mode on 20 May 2009.*

NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. *To prepare for and carry out visits to other local authorities which are facing the same challenges in respect of the Decent Homes Standard (DHS) as Waverley.*
2. *To consider ways of increasing resources to meet the DHS.*
3. *To review the Council's approach to meeting the DHS.*
4. *To review the 'Waverley Standard' i.e. the specification for DHS work.*
5. *Consider ways of working in partnership with others to help meet the DHS e.g. Trickle Transfer to Housing Associations*