

Housing Select Committee			
Title	In-depth review into low cost home ownership – Evidence Session	Item No	3
Contributors	Scrutiny Manager		
Class	Part 1	Date	6 March 2013

1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1. The Housing Select Committee has agreed to undertake a review looking at low cost home ownership as part of its work programme for 2012/13. This report and appendices, coupled with evidence provided at the previous meeting on 4 February, will provide information for the Committee to discuss as part of its review.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Select Committee is asked to:
- note the content of the report and consider the information presented at Committee
 - note the witnesses that have been invited to the meeting on the 6 March

3. Background

- 3.1. At the meeting of the Housing Select Committee on September 11 the Committee resolved to undertake an in-depth review looking at low cost home ownership.
- 3.2. At its meeting on October 31 the Committee approved the scoping report for the review. This scoping paper, including information on key lines of inquiry, is attached in Appendix A.
- 3.3. At the meeting on 4 February the committee considered an officer report with information on each of the four options for Low Cost Home Ownership being considered as part of the review. The committee also considered evidence from Mrs Mead, a leaseholder representative from Lewisham, and Orville Phillips, right to buy manager Lewisham Homes, in relation to Right to Buy.

4. Written Evidence

- 4.1. The officer report from the previous meeting is available online: <http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s19828/HSC%20LCHO%20Evidence%20Session%201%20v2.pdf>
- 4.2. Further details on the evidence provided by Mrs Mead and Orville Phillips is contained within the minutes to the previous meeting at the beginning of this agenda.

4.3. Additional information has been appended to this report:

Appendix A: *Case Study: Segal Close* – The first Local Authority backed self build projects in the country built in Lewisham in the late 1970s.

Appendix B: *Additional written comments from Jon Broome on Self Build.* – Jon Broome was one of the architects and original tenants of Segal Close

Appendix C: *Build your Own Home – The London Way* – A funding prospectus from the Mayor of London outlining the GLA policy position on Custom Build

Appendix D: *East London CLT – Frequently asked questions* – Adapted from the East London CLT website. This gives some background on the East London CLT.

5. Oral Evidence

5.1. The following witnesses have been invited to give evidence to the committee at the meeting on 6 March:

- A leaseholder representative (To be confirmed) to give evidence on Right to Buy
- Representatives from L&Q and Family Mosaic (To be confirmed) to give evidence on Shared Ownership
- Ted Stevens – Chair of the National Self Build Association to give evidence on Self Build
- Dave Smith – Director of the East London Community Land Trust to give evidence on Community Land Trusts.

6. Further implications

6.1. At this stage there are no specific financial, legal, environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider. However, each will be addressed as part of the review.

If you have any questions about this report, please contact Joseph Dunton, Scrutiny Manager (ext. 43563)