

Committee:	Tenant and Leaseholders Consultative Forum
Date:	29 October 2007
Subject:	INFORMATION REPORT – Progress on the Community Centre Review
Responsible Officer:	Gwyneth Allen – Divisional Director Adult and Housing
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Camilla Bath – Portfolio Holder for Housing
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	

Section 1 – Summary

A review of the 10 community centres, that are part of the Housing Revenue Account asset base, was commenced in June 2006 and this report provides a progress report on that review.

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Section 2 – Report

2.1 Update

2.2 In June 2006 the housing service developed a project initiation document outlining plans to review community centres. The purpose of the review is to document the current use of the community centres and make recommendations for changes, where possible, to ensure access by the local community.

2.3 The review seeks to ensure that maximum benefit is made of all community premises, that equity of access is provided to the local community, particularly Tenant and Resident groups and that up to date management information is available for all community centres.

2.4 It was initially envisaged that the review would be completed within six months. The review started, base line data has been gathered and all centres have been visited. (This data is set out in Appendix 1)

2.5 The housing service has become aware of development work taking place in other Council departments in relation to community premises and the charging and management structures for these buildings.

2.6 The move toward more effective asset management by the Council provides the opportunity to ensure better access to HRA owned community centres and ensure that the Housing Service is consistent with access to other council owned buildings.

2.7 The Housing Service intends to work with colleagues across the Council to ensure that the review incorporates corporate developments in relation to community buildings.

2.8 The revised completion date for the review is March 2008.

Section 3 – Further Information

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: