KIRKLEES METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

28 APRIL 2005 18 MAY 2005

AREA COMMITTEES/WARDS AFFECTED: NONE SPECIFIC

TITLE: KIRKLEES NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSING AND KIRKLEES ACTIVE LEISURE - LEAD MEMBERS

WHY IS IT COMING HERE / WHAT DECISION IS REQUIRED?

Members present at the Council meeting held on 13 April 2005 will recall a number of oral questions being asked in relation to the management of Council Housing which is a Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing related function. A Director of the Board of Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing (Councillor Walton) suggested that such oral questions might, in future, be better directed to a Member of the Board for response as an alternative to such questions being addressed to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Property. There appeared to be general support by Members at the meeting to this suggestion.

Council Business Committee is requested to further consider this suggestion and if thought appropriate to submit a recommendation thereon to the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on 18 May 2005.

WHAT ARE THE KEY POINTS:

These are outlined in the paragraphs above. Members are asked to consider also whether this suggestion should similarly be applied to Kirklees Active Leisure whereby relevant questions about services provided by that organisation might be better addressed to the Councillor Director serving on the Board as an alternative to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration.

RECOMMENDATION:

Members are asked to decide whether or not they would support a referral to the Annual Council meeting to amend Council Procedure Rules whereby oral and written questions at Council meetings on matters relevant to services provided by KNH and KAL should be addressed to a Councillor Member of the Board of KNH and to the Member nominated by the Council to the Board of KAL.

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