

MINUTES OF THE CJC MEETING ON 30 JULY 2004 AT THE IPF CONFERENCE CENTRE

Present – Derek Collins (ODPM), Malcolm Dawes (ACES), Suzanne Dowse (secretary), Phil Hall (Audit Commission), Richard Harbord (IRRV), John Hesp (vice chair, LGA), Michael Hughes (NLGOV), Henry Merritt (LGA), Peter Newman (ACSES), John Plumb (IPF), Nick Powell (CSS), John Seife (SOCTM), Gail Shadlock (SOCPO), Derek Slacey (SOCPO), Will Werry (chair)

Apologies - Bob Atkins (APA), Shirley Atkinson (PTEs), John Biar (APSE), Clive Bone (QA), Chris Buss (CIPFA), Louise Dunne (IPF), Steve Gilly (CIPS), Kristen Gillingham (BURDG), Sipi Hanemann (CoopsUK), Clive Heatners (SESLG), Anna Koronowski (LGA), John Layton (CIPFA-LASAAC), Lesley Lodge (CIPFA), Mair Molteni (LGA), Sue Moorcroft (CIPS), Richard Schmidt (CIPFA)

- 1 **Guide to the Future of Local Authority Housing** - drafts of four main parts agreed, subject to
 - addition of a subtitle, drawing attention to the focus on the stock – suggestions invited to covering also Scotland & Wales
 - additional Part to cover the procurement implications of the scale and nature of the funding identified by the first four Parts
 - inviting members to suggest passages needing clarification
- 2 **CJC annual conference** – to be on 25 November, about the Future of Local Authority Housing
- 3 **Response to the Gershon report** – officers to circulate first draft, for comment, of responses (to both Gershon & ODDPM) covering
 - the further proliferation of performance assessments
 - the need to make the assessment of the Gershon performance assessment auditable, within the time available to Ministers
 - the need for definitions of the new Gershon jargon
 - the conflict between economies of scale and delegation
 - the need for Ministers to reconcile the Gershon initiative with other current initiatives
- 4 **Next update of the Standing Guide** - changes to include
 - hot-links to documentation published by CJC nominating bodies
 - coverage of impending legislation (particularly the consolidating directive)
 - simplified numbering
 - changes to help readers to start and finish at their preferred points (usually in the middle)
 - links between all technical terms (however often mentioned) and the glossary
- 5 **Calendar of Meetings for 2004** noted – both at 11:00 - 24 September and 26 November
- 6 **Meetings for 2005** to continue to be on Fridays – 28 January, 18 March, 27 May, 29 July, 30 September, and 25 November all agreed

Approved and signed



Will Werry, chair, 28 May 2004