

## **ADMINISTRATION POLICY ITEM: 9.1**

**Council, Tuesday 29 January 2008**

### **Amendment in the name of Cllr Ross Houston to Administration Policy Item in the name of Cllr Lynne Hillan**

#### **Hidden Homes**

Delete all and replace with:

Council notes that there over 14,000 families on the waiting list for social housing.

Council also notes the “Hidden Homes” pilot in Wandsworth LB to develop redundant units, such as unused garages on council estates, into affordable homes.

Council also notes that this pilot has only delivered around 130 new affordable homes since 2003 in Wandsworth and that overall in the last reported year of 2006/7 Wandsworth only managed to deliver 16% affordable homes – one of the worst performances in London that year, although a better performance than Barnet.

Council asks Cabinet to:

- ensure any policy adopted to develop redundant units will not result in huge overdevelopment on back land
- do what it can to help people struggling to secure a mortgage including working with any new initiatives that may be brought in for councils to offer cut-price mortgages
- work with developers and the HCA to bring forward the delivery of affordable homes agreed on our regeneration estates
- lobby the Mayor of London for additional direct grant to help bring forward more affordable housing on our regeneration estates – perhaps from the £130 million he announced this month
- maximise the number of new affordable homes for social rent – the true “hidden homes” - by committing to delivering the Mayor of London’s indicative affordable housing targets that were announced recently.