

**SOUTH EAST ENGLAND
REGIONAL HOUSING BOARD**

Date: 28 June 2006

Subject: **Research on Acute Affordability Problems: Proposals for further actions**

Report of: Planning Implementation Director,
South East England Regional Assembly

Revised Recommendations:

That the Regional Housing Board:

1. Agree the actions proposed in Annex 1;
2. Note that the Regional Assembly intends to commission work to develop practical guidance to local authorities on evaluating financial viability and the role of public subsidy and on the processing of windfall sites, drawing on the expertise of the Affordable Housing Task Group;
3. Agree that before the regional work is commissioned, the Regional Assembly should establish the extent and nature of any existing and emerging local guidance on evaluating financial viability and the role of public subsidy in the South East, and on the basis of this information, assess the most appropriate form and timing for regional guidance;
4. Receive future reports following completion of research and other work currently planned or in progress.

Purpose of Report:

At the Regional Housing Board meeting on 9 March 2006, a presentation of research findings on problems of acute housing affordability was made by the consultants, Three Dragons. The Board requested a further report on how the recommendations might be taken forward. This report sets out proposed actions in respect of the recommendations.

Key Issues:

Proposed actions will contribute to more effective delivery of new affordable housing.