AGENDA ITEM NO.

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER -CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE

CABINET - 15TH DECEMBER 2004

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider a recommendation of Central Dudley Area Committee that representations be made to Central Government for a change in the law in respect of tenants displaying anti-social behaviour.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Central Dudley Area Committee at its meeting held on 4th November 2004 considered a report of the Director of Housing, copy attached at Appendix 1 to this report, on options available to the Directorate of Housing in tackling anti-social behaviour.
- 2.2 Arising from the consideration of the report a number of points were made by the Committee, as indicated in the attached minute of the Committee on this matter, which gave rise to the following recommendation:-

That, as the combating of anti-social behaviour was considered to be a national issue, the Executive be recommended to agree to the submission of a letter to the Home Office requesting changes in the law so that Local Housing Authorities could be granted the powers to deal with more effectively and more quickly tenants displaying anti-social behaviour.

3.0 **PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 That the Cabinet endorse the making of representations to the Home Office for a change in the law in respect of tenants displaying antisocial behaviour as outlined in paragraph 2.2 above.
- 4.0 <u>FINANCE</u>
- 4.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising form this report.
- 5.0 <u>LAW</u>

- 5.1 Legislation in respect of anti-social behaviour is referred to in paragraph 8 of the report of the Director of Housing submitted to the meeting of Central Dudley Area Committee.
- 5.2 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, authorises the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the exercise of any of its functions.
- 6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
- 6.1 The proposals take into account the Council's Equal Opportunities policies.
- 7.0 <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
- 7.1 That approval be given to the proposal set out in paragraph 3.1 above.
- 8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 The report of the Director of Housing entitled "Anti-Social Behaviour" submitted to the meeting of the Central Dudley Area Committee held on 4 November 2004 and the minutes arising from that meeting.

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