

To: The Executive Board - 2nd December 2002

**REPORT OF THE HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
14 NOVEMBER 2002**

(NOTE: items in italics are included for completeness but are not addressed to the Executive Board)

HOUSING REPAIRS POLICY - TENANTS' RESPONSIBILITY - REVIEW

Committee Recommendations	Portfolio holder's comments (Councillor Smith)
<p>To ADVISE the Executive Board to note that York City Council undertook window reglazing if the tenant provided a crime incident number and that Leicester City Council undertook window reglazing for tenants over 60 and for tenants with disabilities and to RECOMMEND the Executive Board that the Council consider undertaking window reglazing for tenants who provided a crime incident number</p>	<p>My understanding is that we have factored in doing reglazing for people who have a crime number. The over 60s we need to discuss further. Some tenants might be over 60 - but have chaotic lifestyle - there is no reason that other tenants should have to pay for this lifestyle</p>
<p>To ADVISE the Executive Board that Leicester City Council exempted tenants over 60 and tenants with disabilities from tenants' repairs responsibilities and to ASK the Executive Board to consider whether or not there should be exemptions for some tenants to their repairs responsibilities</p>	<p>I would take issue with the over 60s. I agree there are some people with grave disabilities and some older people we would like to support in whatever way we can. I feel that a blanket over 60s not based on need would add greatly to the cost.</p>
<p>To RECOMMEND the Executive Board to continue the elderly tenants' decoration scheme, subject to work under the scheme being undertaken on the recommendation of officers (to be specified by the Executive Board), on the need for the work to be undertaken and on the physical ability of the tenant to undertake the work</p>	<p>Totally agree if people are very frail and disabled we would want to help all we could.</p>

<p>To RECOMMEND the Executive Board to implement any changes to the tenants' responsibility for housing repairs as soon as possible</p>	<p>I thought we were all of a mind that this would be done as soon as the obligatory consultation with tenants had taken place</p>
<p><i>To note that the Oxford Building Solutions Manager would be holding a consultation meeting with tenants in late November and to ask him to advise members of the Committee of the date of the meeting.</i></p>	<p>This may now be first week in December</p>