

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 22 July 2015

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – Housing Mix

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. Scrutiny Board (City Development) and Scrutiny Board (Environment and Housing) have agreed to undertake a joint piece of work in relation to housing mix.
2. Work in this area was initially started by the then Scrutiny Board (Housing and Regeneration) following a request for scrutiny from a member of the public, who asked that the Board re-examine the adequacy of the responses provided to the first two recommendations of a previous scrutiny inquiry completed in 2011 on Housing growth.
3. The concerns expressed related to population forecasting and the assessment of housing need for the city. The request for scrutiny was supported by a number of community based development groups.
4. The Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board no longer exists. It has fallen therefore to Scrutiny Board (City Development), in consultation with the Chair of Scrutiny Board (Environment and Housing) and relevant Directors and Executive Board Members to refresh the original terms of reference and for a joint working group between Scrutiny Board (City Development) and Scrutiny Board (Environment and Housing) to proceed with the Inquiry.
5. Draft terms of reference for the inquiry are attached at Appendix 1 for the Board's approval.

Views of the Director and Executive Member

6. The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules also require that, where a Scrutiny Board undertakes an Inquiry, the Scrutiny Board shall consult with any relevant Director and Executive Member on the terms of reference. These views will need to be taken into account in finalising the terms of reference. Comments received will be reported to the Board.

Recommendation

7. The Board is requested to agree the terms of reference for the inquiry and propose a date for the first meeting of the joint working group.

Background papers¹

8. None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.