

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (City Development)

Date: 30th March 2016

Subject: Draft Scrutiny Inquiry Report – 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 At the July 2015 meeting of Scrutiny Board (City Development), Members agreed to undertake a joint Inquiry with Scrutiny Board (Environment and Housing) into 'Housing Mix'. It was agreed that the Inquiry would be progressed via a joint working group.
- 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 and former co-optee of that Scrutiny Board. This request for Scrutiny focused on a request for Members to re-examine the adequacy of the responses provided to the first two recommendations of a previous scrutiny inquiry completed in 2011 by Scrutiny Board (Regeneration) on Housing Growth.
- 3 It was agreed by both Scrutiny Boards that matters relating to previous recommendations would be considered during the course of the working group's discussions. However the focus of this fresh Inquiry would be the delivery of Policy H4¹, that is, delivery, as expressed in the Core Strategy, of the right property type and tenure within criteria of affordability.
- 4 The working group was chaired by Councillor Truswell. Other participants were Councillors J Procter, G Wilkinson, D Collins, J Bentley, A Khan and K Ritchie.
- 5 The working group has now completed its Inquiry and has agreed its final report. (Attached). This is now presented to this Board for final approval.

¹ Policy H4 aims to ensure that the new housing developed in Leeds is of a range of type and size to meet the mix of households expected over the Plan period.

- 6 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 13.2 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised". Any advice received will be reported at the Board's meeting for consideration, before the Board finalises its report.
- 7 Once the Board publishes its final report, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within three months.

Recommendations

- 8 Members are asked to consider and agree the Board's report following its inquiry into Housing Mix. .

Background documents²

None used

² 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.