

**Report of** Head of Housing Management

**Report to** Tenant Scrutiny Board

**Date:** 14 March 2018

**Subject:** Update on Estate Standards Inquiry

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
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## 1.0 SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 The Boards inquiry in 2015/16 municipal year focused on Estate Standards.
- 1.2 The Board received an update on the outstanding recommendations in December 2016 and requested a future update on the ones which remain incomplete.
- 1.3 Outstanding recommendations are enclosed in this report for information along with progress which has been previously reported, with an update at the meeting on current progress.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Board is requested to receive the update on Estate Standards and raise any questions with the manager in attendance for this item.

## 3.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS<sup>1</sup>

- 3.1 None.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## Desired Outcome – Cleaner estates

**Recommendation 3 – That the Council introduces the best waste collection solution for individual estates, even if that results in variations across the city.**

### Position April 2016

Recommendation Accepted – However it should be noted that the council is committed to expanding Alternate Week Collection where possible but there are some locations where an alternative to the standard fortnightly wheelie bin service is provided that best meets the needs of that locality.

### November 2016 position:

Introduced an “opt in” recycling scheme in Headingley. Where residents did not “opt in” green bins were removed. Similar scheme being considered for Harehills.

Alternative Solution introduced in Beckhill Estate, Meanwood. Promoted at Beckhill Fun Day on the 28th July

Alternative waste solution introduced at Cottingley Estate.

Housing, Waste and Localities working together to try to resolve waste collection issues in a number of areas but specifically - bagged collection on Ley Lane, Armley, waste issues and improved recycling on Butterbowl and Bawn estates, and reducing fly tipping and side waste in Burmantofts

## Desired Outcome - Improved garage policy

**Recommendation 10 – That Housing Leeds reports back to Tenant Scrutiny Board back on any recommendations and or proposed policy changes following its review of garages.**

### Position April 2016

Review ongoing

#### Current position:

- All garage sites have been inspected and rated regarding their condition and sustainability
- Empty Garages on sustainable garage sites are being advertised for reletting
- Option Appraisals need to be undertaken on other sites for possible investment and improvement, demolition or possible redevelopment opportunities.

#### Additional Actions

##### Garage Procedures Updated

- Updated clear procedure on garage tenancies and allocations
- New revised Garage Arrears Letters and new Garage Site Arrears Letters
- Revised Tenancy Agreement for both built garages and garage plots
- Garage waiting refreshed and updated.
- Promote and market garages better and raise tenant awareness.