

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Regeneration)

Date: 27th September 2011

Subject: Inquiry to consider Affordable Housing by Private Developers – Draft Terms of Reference

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. Scrutiny Board (Regeneration) during its inquiry on housing growth identified a specific issue concerning affordable housing provision by developers. Members agreed that it should undertake an investigation and requested that draft terms of reference on this issue be prepared for consideration by the Board.

Draft Terms of Reference

- 2 A copy of the draft terms of reference are attached for Members consideration. Members may wish to refer to the timetable in paragraph 5.1 to identify specific dates for the five sessions proposed.

Consultation

- 3 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules and Guidance Notes require that, before embarking on an inquiry, the Board seeks and considers the views of the relevant Director/s and Executive Member/s. These views will need to be taken into account in finalising the terms of reference.
- 4 The Executive Board Members with portfolio responsibility for Development and Economy and Neighbourhoods Housing and Regeneration together with the relevant Directors have been invited to submit their views and any that are received will be reported to the Board.

Recommendation

- 5 The Board is requested to agree the terms of reference for this inquiry which includes the Co-option of Mr G Hall to this inquiry and the establishment of a working group comprising all Members of the Board to undertake this work

Background documents

6. None used