

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Regeneration)

Date: 28th February 2012

Subject: Recommendation Tracking

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. This report sets out the progress made in responding to the recommendations arising from the previous Scrutiny review of Housing Growth in Leeds.
2. This follows the report of the Director of City Development to the Executive Board on 2nd November 2011 which also summarised the progress made in responding to the 12 recommendations arising from the Scrutiny review.
3. The Scrutiny recommendation tracking system allows the Scrutiny Board to monitor progress and identify completed recommendations; those progressing to plan; and those where there is either an obstacle or progress is not adequate. The Board will then be able to take further action as appropriate.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to:
 - Agree those recommendations which no longer require monitoring;
 - Identify any recommendations where progress is unsatisfactory and determine the action the Board wishes to take as a result.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress made in responding to the recommendations arising from the previous Scrutiny review of Housing Growth within Leeds.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Following its review of Housing Growth, the Regeneration Scrutiny Board published its final report and recommendations on 11th October 2011. A copy of this report is attached as appendix 3.
- 2.2 The Scrutiny recommendation tracking system allows the Board to monitor progress and identify completed recommendations; those progressing to plan; and those where there is either an obstacle or progress is not adequate. The Board will then be able to take further action as appropriate.
- 2.3 This report follows the report of the Director of City Development to the Executive Board in November 2011 which also summarised the progress made in responding to the 12 recommendations arising from the Scrutiny review.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 A standard set of criteria has been produced to enable the Board to assess progress. These are presented in the form of a flow chart at Appendix 1. The questions in the flow chart should help to decide whether a recommendation has been completed, and if not whether further action is required.
- 3.2 To assist Members with this task, the Principal Scrutiny Adviser has given a draft status for each recommendation. The Board is asked to confirm whether these assessments are appropriate, and to change them where they are not. Details of progress against each recommendation is set out within the table at Appendix 2.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Where internal or external consultation processes have been undertaken with regard to responding to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations, details of any such consultation will be referenced against the relevant recommendation within the table at Appendix 2.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 Where consideration has been given to the impact on equality areas, as defined in the Council's Equality and Diversity Scheme, this will be referenced against the relevant recommendation within the table at Appendix 2.

4.3 Council Policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 This section is not relevant to this report.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 Details of any significant resource and financial implications linked to the Scrutiny recommendations will be referenced against the relevant recommendation within the table at Appendix 2.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 This report does not contain any exempt or confidential information.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 This section is not relevant to this report.

5 Conclusions

5.1 The Scrutiny recommendation tracking system allows the Board to monitor progress and identify completed recommendations. Progress in responding to those recommendations arising from the Scrutiny review of Housing Growth within Leeds is detailed within the table at Appendix 2 for Members' consideration.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to:

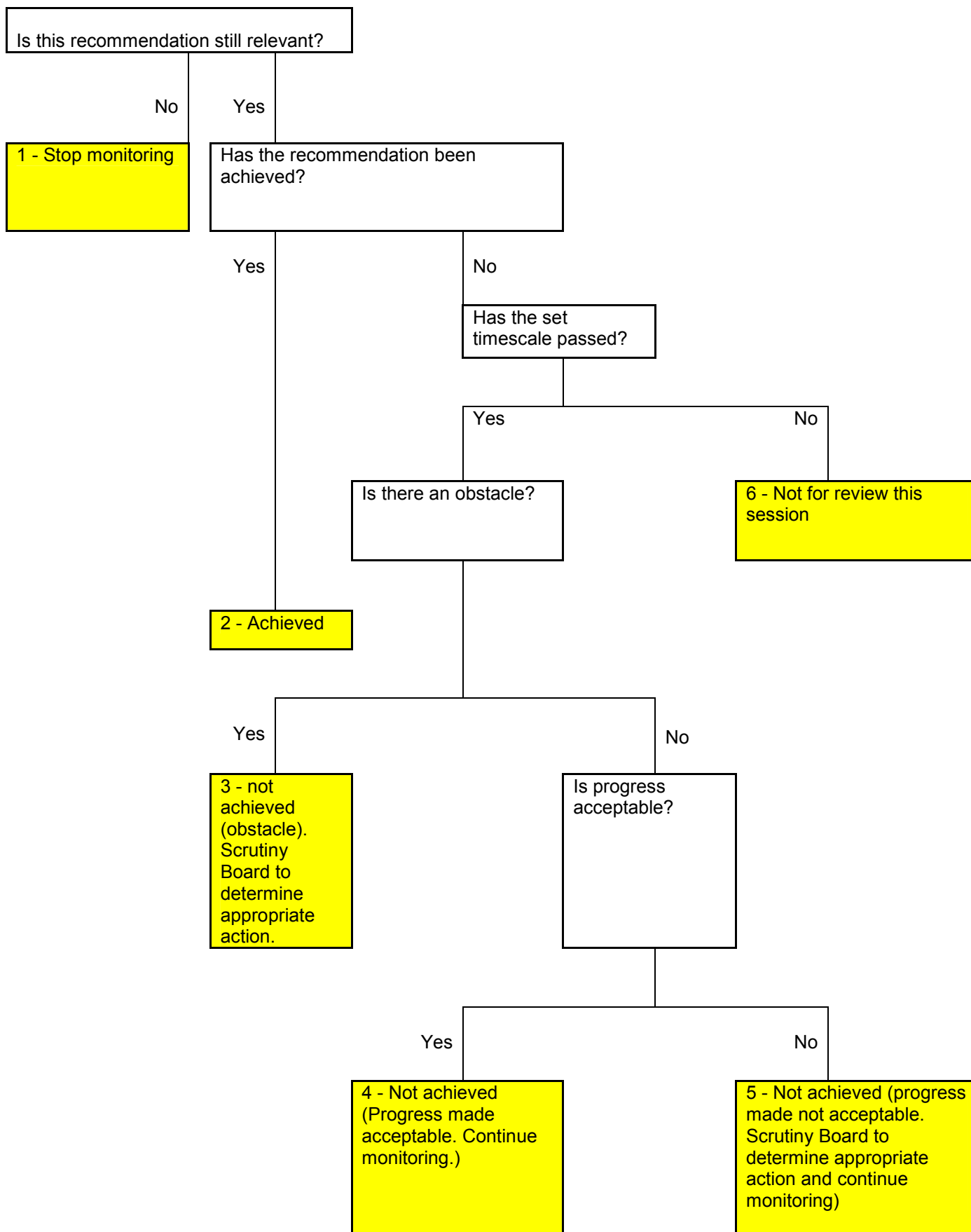
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7 Background documents

7.1 Review of Housing Growth within Leeds – Scrutiny Inquiry Report October 2011.

7.2 Report of the Director of City Development to Executive Board on 2nd November 2011 – Progress and comments on Scrutiny Board Inquiry Recommendations.

Recommendation tracking flowchart and classifications:
Questions to be Considered by Scrutiny Boards



Review of Housing Growth in Leeds

Categories

- 1 - Stop monitoring
- 2 - Achieved
- 3 - Not achieved (Obstacle)
- 4 - Not achieved (Progress made acceptable. Continue monitoring)
- 5 - Not achieved (Progress made not acceptable. Continue monitoring)
- 6 - Not for review this session

Recommendation for monitoring	Evidence of progress and contextual information	Status (categories 1 – 6) (to be completed by Scrutiny)	Complete
<p>Recommendation 1.</p> <p>That dependent upon the outcome of the 2011 Census the Executive Board make representations to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) that in order to achieve greater accuracy in the data provided by the Office for National Statistics a population register should be introduced.</p>	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board 2nd Nov 2011</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Current Position:</p> <p>This will be considered in the light of the outcome of the census. The first of the data is expected to be released in June.</p>	<p>4</p>	

Recommendation for monitoring	Evidence of progress and contextual information	Status (categories 1 – 6) (to be completed by Scrutiny)	Complete
<p>Recommendation 2.</p> <p>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods consider whether there would be an advantage in moving away from the DCLG household model altogether and relying on local data which would be more accurate in determining housing need.</p> <p>That the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods report back to this Scrutiny Board on the outcome within 3 months of its report being published.</p>	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board Nov 2011</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Current Position:</p> <p>In addition to the SHMA, the Directorate of Environment & Neighbourhoods utilises neighbourhood level Housing Market Assessments to inform housing needs, trends and aspirations within local housing markets. Along with data from the Leeds Homes register (in connection to demand for social housing) this gives a picture of the housing required within individual communities to inform the approach to investment.</p>	<p>4</p>	
<p>Recommendation 3.</p> <p>That the Executive Board oppose the proposal of the National Planning Policy Framework that requires an additional 20% over an above the figure required in the five year supply of housing units to be delivered per annum in the city. Their proposal would mean sites coming forward at an earlier stage and could undermine the Council's policy to develop its Brownfield sites.</p>	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board Nov 2011</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Current Position:</p> <p>The Council's response to the Draft NPPF was agreed by Executive Board in October and reflected the concern raised by Scrutiny Board.</p>	<p>4</p>	

Recommendation for monitoring	Evidence of progress and contextual information	Status (categories 1 – 6) (to be completed by Scrutiny)	Complete
<p>Recommendation 4.</p> <p>That the Directors of City Development and Environment and Neighbourhoods report back to Scrutiny Board (Regeneration) within three months providing statistics that demonstrate that we will meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework.</p>	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board Nov 2011</p> <p>That the recommendations of the Scrutiny Board arising from the inquiry (including recommendation 4 on the basis that it relates to the production of monitoring data) be agreed</p> <p>Current Position:</p> <p>Monitoring information is provided in the Council’s Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) approved by the Executive Board in December. Section 4 of the AMR includes a range of information on housing performance.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Recommendation 5.</p> <p>That the Director of City Development consider whether through the SHLAA partnership or other mechanism; developers can be encouraged through incentives to deliver on sites where planning approvals have been granted and there are no technical reasons for these not to be progressed.</p>	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board Nov 2011</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Current Position:</p> <p>The Council has introduced an interim affordable housing policy, reflecting scheme viability in the current housing market. The policy is time limited as an incentive to early delivery. Consistent with national guidance the Council is willing to reconsider S106 obligations more generally where viability can be demonstrated to be holding back development.</p>	<p>4</p>	

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<p>Recommendation 6</p> <p>That the Director of City Development undertake a fundamental review of the SHLAA partnership by 31st December 2011 and before the preparation of the site allocation plan and that a report be submitted to Scrutiny Board (Regeneration) on the outcome.</p>	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board Nov 2011</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Current Position:</p> <p>Completed report submitted to Scrutiny Board on 19th December 2011</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Recommendation 7</p> <p>That the Leeds City Region Partnership be asked to consider through their work on a City Region Strategy Statement, that where a local authority makes either an over or under provision of new homes above or below locally evidenced targets, that both these circumstances are taken into account in arriving at the overall scale of provision of new homes in the city region. These arrangements for the provision of new homes is to be agreed through the Leaders Board of the Partnership and incorporated into each authorities' Core Strategy in the city region.</p>	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board Nov 2011</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Current Position:</p> <p>Report to the Leaders Board (2nd Feb) on future arrangements for Spatial Planning in the City Region. This includes exploration of how directive the Partnership wishes to be in regard of strategic planning. The outcome of these deliberations will inform how we progress any further work on how we can 'pool' our collective housing provision</p>	<p>4</p>	

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<p>Recommendation 8.</p> <p>That the Director of City Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to make representations to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to count windfall sites within the Council’s five year housing land supply. • Seek to establish principles within the Council’s Core Strategy that support this outcome . • Seek to include student accommodation within windfall sites. • Write to all Members of Parliament providing a clear and uncomplicated explanation of the principle issues of concern so that MPs can continue to press the Leeds case with Ministers, Senior Civic Servants and other interested parties . A copy of the Director’s letter to MPs also to be circulated to all Members of Council. 	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board Nov 2011</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Current Position:</p> <p><u>City Development Directorate</u></p> <p>This was incorporated in the Council,s response on the Draft NPPF. A letter was sent to all Leeds MPs, Greg Clark MP, the LGA, Core Cities, all councilors and CLG.</p> <p>The matter has also be raised in a letter to MPs regarding the revocation of RSS and a letter in January 2012 to Greg Clark MP and the government’s chief planner raises further concern over the 5 yr land supply</p> <p>The approach in the Core Strategy (Executive Board 10th February) is to include and justify a windfall allowance.</p> <p><u>City Region</u></p> <p>Windfall issue raised with Ministers as part of the dialogue on city deals being brokered by the city region partnership. Looking to collate more information about the role of windfall across the city region as part of developing the dialogue</p>	<p>4</p>	

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<p>Recommendation 10.</p> <p>That the Executive Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the view that growth and infrastructure provision in the city must go hand in hand with the development of a new business model which incorporates the new Community Infrastructure levy (CIL) and new procedures for determining and developing strategic projects in the city region and support for significant local schemes in Leeds . • Agree that 80% of the income to be raised through the CIL be ring fenced for the benefit of local communities with the balance being directed into a general fund to support city and city regional projects. 	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board Nov 2011</p> <p>Not Agreed and that a further report being submitted to the Executive Board in December 2011 in respect of issues arising from recommendation 10.</p> <p>Executive Board on 14th December considered a report giving background information relating to the implementation of the Community Infrastructure Levy.</p> <p>The Executive Board agreed that a Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule be developed as a matter of priority, and that the necessary funding, as set out within paragraph 4.4.2 of the submitted report, be approved. It also asked for further work to be undertaken in relation to all the concerns raised during the discussion, with a further report on such matters being submitted to the Board in due course.</p> <p>Current Position:</p> <p>The position is as set out above</p>	<p>4</p>	

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<p>Recommendation 11.</p> <p>That the Director of City Development establish a working group comprising appropriate members, officers, developers, representatives of neighbourhoods, HCA and Town and Parish Councils to promote better understanding of each others issues and concerns regarding housing provision in the city.</p>	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board Nov 2011</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Current Position: There has been some discussion on engagement at the annual parish and town councils meeting leading to a review of the Charter. At a more local level early engagement has taken place between officers, parish council representatives, ward members and the developer regarding the major East Leeds Extension development. A consultation forum involving these groups and others is to be established. In addition there is already a major developers forum on which there is parish council representation</p>	<p>4</p>	
<p>Recommendation 12.</p> <p>That the Director of City Development write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government expressing the Board's concerns that the home building industry has an abundance of planning consents but chooses not to implement them whilst pressing the case for the release of Greenfield and Greenbelt sites and thereby neglecting the development of inner city sites where need is greatest.</p>	<p>Formal Response from Executive Board Nov 2011</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Current Position: This is included in the correspondence referred to under recommendation 8</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Yes</p>