

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Regeneration)

Date: 17th May 2012

Subject: Inquiry on Affordable Housing by Private Developers - Draft Final Report & Recommendations

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. The Scrutiny Board (Regeneration) has now completed its inquiry on affordable housing by private developers. The Working Group comprising all Members of the Board has met on several occasions since early November 2011. A small group of Members from the Board also held a telecommunications meeting with a financial institution on 24th April 2012 which was extremely valuable. The Board is now in a position to report on its findings and its conclusions and recommendations resulting from the evidence that has been gathered.

Draft Inquiry Report

2. The Board only completed its inquiry on 24th April 2012 and the timescale for the clearance of the Board's report with the relevant Directorates is extremely tight. A copy of the draft final report along with a summary of the evidence considered during the inquiry will therefore be circulated for members consideration as soon as possible.

Consultation

3. 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 detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice."

- 4 The Director of City Development and Environment and Neighbourhoods have been consulted and their advice and comments, if any, will be reported to the Board at today's meeting.

Recommendations

- 5 The Board is asked to
 - (i) Agree the Board's final report and recommendations.
 - (ii) Request that a formal response to the recommendations is produced in line with normal procedures for scrutiny inquiry reports as set out in Scrutiny Procedure Rule 14.1.

Background documents¹

6. Documents listed in the Board's final inquiry report on Affordable Housing by Private Developers

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.