

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Housing and Regeneration)

Date: 20th July 2012

Subject: Consultation Major Change in Housing Policy

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 last Scrutiny meeting Members agreed that it wanted to be fully engaged and contribute to the consultation that was being undertaken by the Environment and Neighbourhood Directorate on proposed major changes in housing policy which will determine how the Council will allocate its housing stock over the next 10 years.
2. The Executive Board on 20th June 2012 considered and approved the attached report on the Tenancy Strategy 2013 - 2015 and lettings policy review which included a draft version of the tenancy strategy which is attached and marked as appendix 1.
3. Consultation on the proposals is being undertaken in July and August 2012 with a view to providing this Board with an overview of the outcomes and recommendations at its meeting on 25th September 2012 and the Executive Board approving a final version of the Tenancy Strategy in November 2012.
4. In order to enable Members of the Board to contribute to the consultation process in an informal setting the Chair proposes to establish a Working Group to which all Members of the Board will be invited to attend. This will be arranged in August 2012.

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to
 - (i) note the report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods on the Tenancy Strategy 2013-2015 and lettings policy review approved by the Executive Board on 20th June 2012.

- (ii) approve the establishment of a Working Group to which all Members of the Board will be invited to attend in order that Members can contribute to the consultation process in an informal setting.

Background documents¹

- 6. Report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods Tenancy Strategy 2013 - 2015 and lettings policy review.

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.