



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 24th October 2007

Subject: Housing Letting Pressures – Terms of Reference

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting on 25th July 2007, the Board held a discussion with the Executive Board Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing. From this discussion, it was agreed that an inquiry be undertaken to review the lettings policy and process of the Council, looking specifically at the Choice Based Lettings system.
- 1.2 In order to progress the drafting of the terms of reference, it was agreed that a working group be established to discuss the parameters of the inquiry. Cllr Anderson and Cllr Gabriel met with officers from the department to discuss the key points. It was agreed that draft terms of reference would be submitted to the full Board focusing the inquiry on the nature of the pressures on the lettings system in general and identifying some of the issues with the Choice Based Lettings system in particular.

2.0 Report Submitted to the Board

- 2.1 The working group have therefore submitted the attached draft terms of reference for the Board's comments, amendments and approval.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are requested to consider the terms of reference for this inquiry and agree any amendments.