

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources)

Date: 11th February 2019

Subject: The management and financial implications of void properties in Council ownership - draft Statement of the Scrutiny Board

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. During July 2018, the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board considered the Council's 2017/18 Financial Outturn Report and agreed to undertake further scrutiny surrounding the management and financial implications of void properties in Council ownership.
2. The Board decided to consider this matter via a working group meeting, which took place on 29th October 2018. An invitation was extended to all Board Members and the Head of Asset Management and Head of Responsive Repairs, Voids & Corporate Property Management contributed to the working group's meeting.
3. It was agreed that the findings of the working group would inform a formal Statement setting out the Scrutiny Board's conclusions and proposed recommendations surrounding this matter. A draft of the Scrutiny Board's Statement will therefore be made available in readiness for today's meeting for formal consideration and agreement by the Board.

Recommendations

4. The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider and agree its formal Statement in relation to its review of the management and financial implications of void properties in Council ownership.

Background papers¹

5. None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.