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Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

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Subject: Inquiry into Private Rented Sector Housing - Draft Report

Electoral Wards Affected: All	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity Community Cohesion
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the beginning of the municipal year, the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) agreed to carry out an inquiry into Private Rented Sector Housing.
- 1.2 This Inquiry has now concluded and the Board is in a position to report on its findings and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered. The Board's draft report will follow and be made available prior to the meeting for the Board's consideration.
- 1.3 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 14.3 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 Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised".
- 1.4 Any advice received will be reported at the Board's meeting for consideration, before the Board finalises its report.
- 1.5 Once the Board publishes its final report, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within three months.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The Board is asked to agree its inquiry report on Private Rented Sector Housing.