



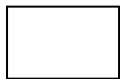
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 9th November 2009

Subject: Response to the CLG Consultation around social housing allocations

Electoral Wards Affected: All



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In July 2009, the Scrutiny Board agreed to conduct a review into the Council's housing lettings process. As part of this review, the Scrutiny Board was given the opportunity to consider the Council's proposed response to the Communities and Local Government (CLG) consultation on social housing allocations, 'Fair and flexible'. The deadline for this consultation was 23rd October 2009.
- 1.2 A working group of the Board met on 15th October 2009 to discuss the Council's proposed response with senior housing officers. The comments made by the working group were incorporated into the Council's response and this was subsequently circulated to all Board Members for consideration and endorsement before being submitted to the CLG on 23rd October 2009.
- 1.3 A copy of the Council's response to the CLG consultation is attached.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is requested to note and formally endorse the Council's response to the CLG consultation on social housing allocations, 'Fair and Flexible'.

Background Papers

Communities and Local Government Consultation document 'Fair and Flexible. Draft statutory guidance on social housing allocations for local authorities in England.