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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

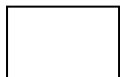
### Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010

### Subject: Procurement of Housing Contracts Review– Draft Statement

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#### Electoral Wards Affected: All



Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A Call In meeting of the Environment and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 to consider a decision to enter into a framework contract for the supply and management of temporary accommodation. In consideration of this decision, a number of concerns were raised about the processes that were followed for this particular contract. This led the Scrutiny Board to conduct a wider review into the processes followed by Environment and Neighbourhoods when procuring contracts in housing services.
- 1.2 This review 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 Statement is attached for the Board's consideration.
- 1.3 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 16.3 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 Statement is finalised".
- 1.4 Any advice received will be reported at the Board's meeting for consideration, before the Board finalises its statement.

1.5 Once the Board publishes its final statement, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within three months.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 Members are asked to consider and agree the Board's Statement on the Procurement of Housing Contracts.

### Background Papers

None