Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 13th July 2010

Subject: Procurement of Housing Contracts– Formal Response to the Scrutiny Board's Statement

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   A Call In meeting of the Environment and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board was held on 3rd 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   In April 2010, the Scrutiny Board produced a Statement setting out its findings and recommendations following its review. This is attached as Appendix 1.

1.3   It is the normal practice to request a formal response from the relevant Directorate(s) to the Board's recommendations, once a Statement has been published.

1.4   On 22nd June 2010, the proposed response to the recommendations was submitted by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to the Council's Executive Board, who accepted the actions detailed in the response. This report is attached as Appendix 2 for the Board's consideration.

1.5   Members are asked to consider the responses provided and to decide whether any further scrutiny involvement is required.

1.6 Any recommendations which have not yet been completed will be included in future quarterly recommendation tracking reports to enable the Board to continue to monitor progress.

2.0 Recommendation

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Background Papers

None.