

## Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Report to Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Subject: Directors Response to Executive Board on the Recommendations of the Former Regeneration Scrutiny Board following Completion of its Inquiry on Affordable Housing by Private Developers**

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## 1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To report the Directorates formal response to the Executive Board on the recommendations of the former Regeneration Scrutiny Board following completion of its inquiry on affordable housing by private developers

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The former Regeneration Scrutiny Board's report on affordable housing by private developers was published in May 2012 and is attached for reference purposes.
- 2.2 The Executive Board on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 deferred consideration of the Directors formal responses to that report in order to enable all relevant parties to discuss such matters further, and requested that an updated report be submitted to the September 2012 meeting of Executive Board for consideration.
- 2.3 A number of meetings followed between the Chief Planning Officer, the Executive Board Member Neighbourhoods Planning and Support Services and the Chair of this Scrutiny Board specifically regarding recommendations 1, 2 and 7 of the former Regeneration Scrutiny Board's report. The Directorate's view was that these presented difficulties as currently drafted. The outcome of those deliberations were that the wording of recommendations 1, 2 and 7 of the former Regeneration Scrutiny Board's report would remain unchanged and that the Directorates would comment accordingly to the Executive Board.

### **3.0 Decision of Executive Board**

- 3.1 The Executive Board on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012 considered the attached joint report of the Directors of City Development and Environment and Neighbourhoods in response to the former Regeneration Scrutiny Board's report and recommendations on affordable housing by private developers.
- 3.2 The Scrutiny Board's report was welcomed as a helpful analysis of the housing market's ability to deliver affordable housing and private rented housing.
- 3.3 The Executive Board agreed the responses to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations, as set out within section 3 of the submitted joint report. In summary the Executive Board supports recommendations 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of the Scrutiny Board's report and supports alternative approaches to recommendations 1, 2 and 7.

### **4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note and comment as appropriate on the joint report of the Directors of City Development and Neighbourhoods and Housing which was presented to the Executive Board in response to the former Regeneration Scrutiny Board's report on affordable housing by private developers.

### **5.0 Background papers<sup>1</sup>**

- 5.1 There are no background papers

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<sup>1</sup>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.