

**Report of Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods**

**Report to Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board**

**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Subject: Updated progress on predicting empty property trends**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	Yes
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	No

**1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board on progress against recommendation 4 of the Safer Stronger Communities scrutiny inquiry into Private Rented Sector Housing.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 Recommendation 4 of the Scrutiny Board's report was that the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods leads on undertaking an analysis of current housing market trends within the Leeds 6 postcode areas and for this to then be used to predict empty property trends within these areas over the next 2-3 years. That the findings from this work is brought back to Scrutiny by January 2013 for consideration.

**3 Director's Update**

- 3.1 A report of the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods is attached on the progress which has been made in implementing this recommendation.

**4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board is requested to note progress made against recommendation 4 from the Safer, Stronger Communities Scrutiny report into the Private Rented Sector Housing (2012).

## **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

4.1 None

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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.