

**Report of : Chief Statutory Housing Officer**

**Report to: Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board**

**Date: 26th February 2013**

**Subject: Housing implication from the Census**

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

### Summary of main issues

- 1 The Census, which is undertaken every ten years, provides a count of the population in local areas and establishes the base from which subsequent mid-year population estimates are produced. It provides the basis for central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to target their resources and to plan housing, education, employment, health, transport and other services for years to come.
- 2 A report has been commissioned from Re'new which focuses on the Housing Policy implications arising from the Census data. The report is attached.
- 3 The report presents a summary of findings from the 2011 census for Leeds, compares findings to the 2001 census and to the average for England and Wales for 2011. It shows the changes in population characteristics, employment, housing, education and health recorded through the two censuses.
- 4 The report also presents a commentary on the potential issues for housing policy and strategy in Leeds:

### Recommendations

- 1 That Housing and Regeneration Board note the Housing Policy implications arising from the Census data as discussed in the attached Report.

## **Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform members of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Board of the policy implications for Housing issues arising from the Census data.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The Census is completed every ten years and is the largest piece of social research undertaken in the country. It tells us how many people live where, and provides valuable information on the make-up of local communities. It captures the defining characteristics of the population: who we are; how we live; and what we do. It is unique because it is the only information source that captures all these characteristics across the whole population.
- 2.2 An analysis of the data has been published as “Leeds: The Big Picture”. This provides a summary of the city-wide results from the 2011 Census and, where possible, includes comparisons to the 2001 Census. This document is available on the Leeds Observatory under the “Resources and Documents” section.
- 2.3 A report has been commissioned from Re’new which sets out the Housing Policy Implications arising from the Census data.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 Attached is the report produced by Re’new.

## **4.0 Corporate Considerations**

- 4.1 This is an information report that provides commentary and analysis on data that has been published by the Office for National Statistics.
- 4.2 The analysis of the Census data will also support the next iteration of the State of the City Report and will provide a contextual background to inform future actions, prioritisation and decision making.

### **3.0 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 3.1 The Census establishes a new baseline for much of the city’s equality and diversity data. There is an acknowledged link between deprivation and many of the equality groups and the Census will provide an opportunity to assess progress over the last 10 years. The data will support the annual Equality and Diversity Position Statement that is produced alongside the State of the City report.
- 3.2 The Intelligence and Improvement Team will also be producing a detailed analysis of the 2011 Census data relating to both BME and faith communities across the city.

## **4.0 Council policies and City Priorities**

- 4.1 The Census is important as it provides the basis for central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to target their resources more

effectively and to plan housing, education, employment, health, and transport services for years to come.

## **5.0 Resources and value for money**

5.1 There are no resources or value for money issues.

## **6.0 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

6.1 There are no legal implications

## **7.0 Risk Management**

7.1 There is a risk that failure to adequately consider the implications of the Census data will impact on our ability to bring about improved outcomes for communities.

## **8.0 Recommendations**

8.1 That Housing and Regeneration Board note the contents of this report.