

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Housing and Regeneration)

Date: 25th June 2013

Subject: Inquiry to consider Student Accommodation – Draft Terms of Reference

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. Scrutiny Board (Housing and Regeneration) at its meeting on 30th April 2013 considered briefing papers on student accommodation in the city. Members agreed that it should undertake an investigation of this issue and requested that draft terms of reference be prepared for consideration of the Board.

Draft Terms of Reference

2. A copy of the draft terms of reference is attached for Members consideration.

Consultation

3. The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules and Guidance Notes require that, before embarking on an inquiry, the Board seeks and considers the views of the relevant Director/s and Executive Member/s. These views will need to be taken into account in finalising the terms of reference.
4. The Executive Board Members with portfolio responsibility for Neighbourhoods, Planning and Support Services and Development and the Economy together with the relevant Directors have been invited to submit their views and any that are received will be reported to the Board.

Co-opted Members

5. Members of the Board may appoint up to two non-voting co-opted members for a term of office that relates to the duration of this particular scrutiny inquiry.

Recommendation

6. The Board is requested to
 - (a) agree the terms of reference for this inquiry and the establishment of a working group comprising all Members of the Board to undertake this work.
 - (b) consider the appointment of up to two non-voting co-opted members for a term of office that relates to the duration of this particular scrutiny inquiry.

Background documents

6. None used