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REPORT TO:	Streets Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee 6 November 2018
SUBJECT:	HOUSING IN CROYDON
LEAD OFFICER:	Julia Pitt, Director of Gateway Services
CABINET MEMBER:	Cllr Alison Butler, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Homes and Gateway Services
PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:	Julia Pitt, Director of Gateway Services

ORIGIN OF ITEM:	Housing in the Borough has been identified as a priority in the Sub-Committee work programme for 2018-19 and this report forms part of that work.'
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	The Sub-Committee is asked to consider the briefings from the Registered Providers of Social Housing at the meeting and consider whether it wishes to make any recommendations

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The Streets Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub Committee intends to include in this year's work plan a regular examination of housing provision in Croydon. In this first session, the Sub-Committee will look at registered providers of social housing, and their various roles as social landlords, housing developers and providers of housing related support.
- 1.2. The Sub-Committee has invited four registered providers to address the meeting, and take questions from the Sub-Committee. Those invited include
 - Optivo
 - Croydon Churches Housing Association
 - CAYSH
 - Thames Reach

2. HOUSING IN CROYDON

SESSION 1: REGISTERED PROVIDERS

- 2.1. The Streets Environment and Homes Scrutiny Sub Committee intends to include in this year's work plan a regular examination of housing provision in Croydon. In this first session, the Sub-Committee will look at registered providers of social housing, and their various roles as social landlords, housing developers and providers of housing related support.

- 2.2. Social housing in England is subject to regulation under the [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008](#), and this regulatory role is carried out by the Homes and Communities Agency¹. The role of the regulator is to regulate private registered providers of social housing to promote a viable, efficient and well-governed social housing sector able to deliver homes that meet a range of needs. Private registered providers of social housing are largely housing associations, although they also include local authorities and other housing providers.
- 2.3. According to the HCA's [Statistical Data Return for 2017/18](#) there are 1,432 private registered providers of social housing in England, which provide (own) 2,812,320 units of social housing. This provision includes:
- General needs housing (2,146,281)
 - Supported housing (135,288)
 - Housing for older people (264,594)
 - Social leased (175,221)
 - Non-social rented (42,454)
 - Non-social leased (48,482)
- 2.4. The Sub-Committee has invited two registered providers of social housing with social housing stock in Croydon to address this meeting, and two providers of housing related support.

Optivo

Social housing landlord and developer

Officer attending: Jane Porter – Chief Operating Officer

Social housing stock in Croydon:

Croydon Churches Housing Association

Social housing landlord and developer

Officer attending: Tracy Cullen – Chief Executive

Social housing stock in Croydon:

CAYSH

Youth Homelessness Service Provider

Officer attending: Anne Tighe – Chief Executive

Housing related support provider (support and accommodation)

Thames Reach

Rough sleepers service provider

Officer attending: Gary Langston – Lead Manager Croydon Reach

Rough sleepers outreach and resettlement service

¹ The Homes and Communities Agency is an executive non-departmental public body sponsored by the [Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government](#).

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

APPENDICES: None