

Appendix 3 - Housing Directorate Overview

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSIONS	DEPARTMENT AND CABINET MEMBER RESPONDING	ACCEPTED / PARTIALLY ACCEPTED / REJECTED (inc. reasons for rejection)	IDENTIFIED OFFICER	ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IF ACCEPTED (ie Action Plan)	DATE OF SCRUTINY MEETING TO REPORT BACK
Report: Housing Directorate Overview (Considered by Scrutiny Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee on 20 July 2022)							
<p>1. The Sub-Committee felt that there needed to be a greater emphasis on private sector rental accommodation and recommended that the work undertaken by Generation Rent be reviewed by the directorate and Cabinet Member for Housing to investigate best practice.</p>	<p>The Sub-Committee felt that the Housing Directorate Overview report lacked focus on the private rental sector and felt that more could be done in this area.</p>	<p>Cllr Hale, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Homes</p>	<p>Accepted</p> <p>A Private Sector Housing Strategy Group has been established across the SCRER and Housing directorates. The Group aims to foster joint-working across the directorate in the development of policies and strategies relating to the private rented sector.</p> <p>The private rented sector will be a core focus of the upcoming Housing Strategy</p>	<p>Susmita Sen, Corporate Director of Housing</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>The work undertaken by Generation Rent will be considered by the Private Sector Housing Strategy Group ahead of the November 2022 Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee.</p>	
<p>2. The Sub-Committee felt that there needed to be greater engagement and partnership working with registered social landlords to increase the numbers of residents moving from temporary and emergency accommodation into permanent housing.</p>		<p>Cllr Hale, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Homes</p>	<p>Accepted</p> <p>The Housing Directorate have obtained transformation funding to enable the recruitment of a Housing Association Liaison Officer.</p> <p>The officer will be focused on the governance of all relevant contracts and nomination agreements to maximise the properties the Council can use to move people out of emergency and temporary accommodation.</p>	<p>Susmita Sen, Corporate Director of Housing</p>	<p>£47,000 pa.</p>	<p>January 2023</p>	

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<p>3. That greater detail on the proposed move to an early intervention and prevention model be provided to Members alongside additional information on information management.</p>	<p>The Committee were concerned about documentation and information management within the directorate and the possible risks that this created for residents at risk of homelessness.</p>	<p>Cllr Hale, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Homes</p>	<p>ACCEPT</p> <p>Detail regarding the movement of the Housing Needs service towards an early intervention and prevention model is detailed in the Housing Needs Transformation Plan which was presented to the Streets, Environment & Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee in October 2022.</p> <p>The incoming NEC Housing system will improve the management of data across Housing Needs which will improve the customer journey of those at risk of homelessness.</p>	<p>Susmita Sen, Corporate Director of Housing</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Detail regarding proposed move to early intervention and prevention model will be presented to the Streets, Environment & Homes Scrutiny Sub-Committee in October 2022.</p>	<p>Been to October 2022 Sub- Committee</p>