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Report Track:	Housing, Crime and Partnerships Scrutiny Cttee and Council

COUNCIL
30 AUGUST 2017
HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report summarises the work undertaken by the Housing Scrutiny Committee during the municipal year 2016-17.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The report summarises the work undertaken by the Housing Scrutiny Committee during the municipal year 2016-17.
- 3.2 The Committee received information on:
- (i) the end of year outturn for the Priority Delivery Plan for 2015-16;
 - (ii) progress reports on the Priority Delivery Plan for 2016-17;
 - (iii) Housing Services Presentation
 - (iv) Allocations Presentation
 - (v) Estate Management Presentation; and
 - (vi) Review of Voids Action Plan

- 3.3 As a result of its work and the work of the Housing (Allocations) Sub-Group, the Committee made recommendations to the Cabinet following a mini review of the Allocations Policy.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The Housing Scrutiny Committee was responsible for scrutinising the priority for More & Better Housing.

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 It was agreed in July 2016 by full Council that in future the Scrutiny Committees would produce an annual report for Council on the work undertaken by each of the Committees.

- 5.2 The key role of the Scrutiny Committee was to:

- Hold the executive to account;
- Ensure corporate priorities are met
- Review and develop policies
- scrutinise partners
- consider performance management information

- 5.3 The remit of the Housing Scrutiny Committee during 2016-17 included:

Housing Services PDP:-

- Increasing the Supply of Additional Affordable Housing Units
- Decent Homes Standard for all Council Properties
- Number of Affordable Dwellings Secured Through Section 106
- Progress on the Redevelopment of Moss Road
- Progress on the Construction of Green Lane Housing Scheme
- Progress on the Development of Former Garage Sites

- 5.4 The Committee considered the following items during 2016-17:

12th July 2016

- End of Year Performance Report 2015-16
- Committee's work programme for 2016-17
- Formation of Housing Allocations Sub-Group

12th September 2016

- PDP Q1 2016/17 update
- Overview of Estate Management
- Review of Housing Allocations Policy - Housing Allocations Sub-Group – Update

30th November 2016

- PDP Q2 2016/17 update
- Recommendations from Housing (Allocations) Sub-Group
- Estate Management Review – Estate Walkabouts

28th March 2017

- PDP Q3 2016/17 update
- Private Sector Housing Services – Overview
- Voids Process Action Plan – Update
- Draft Neighbourhood Plans
- Work Programme – Future Items 2017 – 18
- LGA Briefing – Homelessness Reduction Bill (For Information Only)

5.5 The recommendation was made to Cabinet to amend the Allocations Policy by Housing Scrutiny Committee the changes are set out in the Housing Services Allocations Policy Version 5.0.

6 Implications

6.1 **Financial**

None

6.2 **Legal**

None

6.3 **Human Resources**

None

6.4 **Section 17 (Crime Prevention)**

None

6.5 **Human Rights Act**

None

6.6 **Data Protection**

None

6.7 **Risk Management**

None

6.8 **Equality & Diversity**

None

6.9 **Best Value**

None

7 Appendices to the Report

None.

Previous Consideration

None.

Background Papers

None.