

POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Thursday 8 June 2023 by the Housing Policy Committee.

Item No

8. HNS AND REPAIRS PERFORMANCE REPORTS

8.1 The Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services introduced the item which provided the Committee with an overview of housing performance for a range of services within the remit of the Committee. The report covered the period up to quarter 4 (January – March) of 2022/2023. The first part of the report provided an analysis of the performance, setting this within both the national and local context in which services are delivered. More detailed appendices were included with comparative data against other landlords and regulatory performance. The report allows the Committee to understand and comment on the performance delivery of housing services to both tenants and citizens. A presentation was also shown on screen and referred to.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That the **Housing** Policy Committee:-

1. Notes the Performance Report update provided for up to quarter 4 of 2022/2023
2. Highlights any issues of concern that they may wish to discuss in future performance reports

8.3 **Reasons for Decision**

8.3.1 The Housing Policy Committee has delegated authority to monitor the performance of Housing services to ensure that:

- The service is delivering for tenants, and that tenant satisfaction is closely monitored
- Limited resources are maximised due to budgetary pressures
- The Council is delivering on corporate priorities
- Performance information is shared with external organisations such as the Regulator of Social Housing and the Housing Ombudsman for scrutiny

8.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

8.4.1 No other options were considered. The Housing Policy Committee has delegated responsibility for the regular monitoring of data including performance and financial information, and the performance monitoring of Housing (public sector, private sector, and related functions) services. Therefore, no alternative options to the production of this report have been considered.

9. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - MONTH 12

9.1 The Head of Accounting introduced the report brought the Committee up to date with the Council's final outturn position for 2022/23 including General Fund revenue position and Housing Revenue Account.

9.2 **RESOLVED:** That the **Housing** Policy Committee:-

1. Note the updated information and management actions provided by this report on the 2022/23 Revenue Budget Outturn.

9.3 **Reasons for Decision**

9.3.1 To record formally changes to the Revenue Budget.

9.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

9.4.1 The Council is required to both set a balance budget and to ensure that in-year income and expenditure are balanced. No other alternatives were considered.

11. **HOUSING STRATEGY TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

11.1 The Chair introduced the report which sought approval to reconstitute and reappoint the Task and Finish Group overseeing work to develop a new Housing Strategy. Membership will be drawn from the Housing Policy Committee The Terms of Reference of the Group is appended to this report

11.2 **RESOLVED:** That the **Housing** Policy Committee:-

1. Reconstitute and reappoint a Task and Finish Group to oversee work to develop a new Housing Strategy and report on progress against the work programme.

11.3 **Reasons for Decision**

11.3.1 The Task and Finish Group will bring together a small, focused group of members to examine key housing policy issues and provide clear advice to officers developing the strategy. Cross party representation will mean that political agreement is reached at an early stage of the process allowing the strategy to progress. This has been a significant barrier to the Strategy's development in the past. The group will feedback advice given, and progress on the work programme to the Housing Policy Committee, so the Committee can make informed decisions on the Housing Strategy.

11.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

11.4.1 An alternative would be to deliver a series of knowledge briefings for the Housing Policy Committee. This was rejected as it would not enable constructive debate and advice to be provided to officers.