

Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 29 July 2010

Portfolio: Housing – Councillor D. Stallan

Subject: Tenant Participation Impact Statement

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Housing Scrutiny Panel considers the draft Tenant Participation Impact Statement, and passes on any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder for consideration.

Report:

1. At its meeting on 21 January 2010, the Panel received a detailed presentation on the Tenant Services Authority (TSA's) proposed Regulatory Framework and Short Notice Inspections. The Panel was advised that the Housing Directorate already has a range of initiatives in place and is currently reasonably prepared for any Inspection.

2. However, although the Housing Directorate meets many of the Framework's requirements, it was recognised that a number of actions are required to fully comply and be prepared for any Inspection.

3. Therefore, at its next meeting on 25 March 2010, the Housing Scrutiny Panel considered and agreed the draft Regulatory Framework Action Plan. The Plan identifies a number of actions required over the coming months to fully meet with the requirements of the TSA's new Regulatory Framework.

4. One of the items on the Action Plan was the completion of a Tenant Participation Impact Statement to include publishing arrangements for involving and empowering tenants and how support will be provided to achieve this aim. The Statement measures the impact tenants have on policy making and sets out both the issues we have consulted tenants on and intend to consult on in the future

5. The Panel are asked to consider the Tenant Participation Impact Statement which is attached as an appendix to the report, and pass on any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder for consideration.

Reason for decision:

6. To agree the new Tenant Participation Impact Statement and pass any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder for consideration.

Options considered and rejected:

7. Not to consider the Tenant Participation Impact Statement prior to consideration by the Housing Portfolio Holder.

Consultation undertaken:

8. The Tenants and Leaseholders Federation will be consulted on the Tenant Participation Impact Statement at their meeting on 20 July 2010 and their comments will be reported verbally at the meeting.

Resource implications:

Budget provision: N/A

Personnel: N/A

Land: N/A

Community Plan/BVPP reference: N/A

Relevant statutory powers: Housing Act 1985

Background papers: TSA's Regulatory Framework 7 Regulatory Framework Action Plan.

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A

Key Decision reference: (if required) N/A