

Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 28 October 2010

Portfolio: Housing – Cllr D. Stallan

**Subject: Housing Revenue Account Business Plan
Key Action Plan (2010/11) - Progress Report**

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Panel considers the Six-Month Progress Report for the Key Action Plan contained within the HRA Business Plan 2010/11 (attached as an Appendix) and provides any feedback to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Housing accordingly.

Report:

1. In March 2010, the Council's latest Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan (2010/11) was produced, incorporating the Repairs & Maintenance Business Plan. This document set out the Council's objectives, strategies and plans as landlord, in relation to the management and maintenance of its own housing stock.
2. An important section of the HRA Business Plan is the Key Action Plan. This sets out the proposed actions the Council would be taking, primarily, over the next year. Having included the Key Action Plan within the Business Plan, it is good practice that the progress made with the stated actions is monitored; one of the Scrutiny Panel's Terms of Reference is to review progress during the year.
3. The Six-Month Progress Report on the actions contained within the Key Action Plan 2010/11 is attached as an Appendix to this report for consideration.
4. It should be noted that a number of tasks included within the Key Action Plan relating to responsive repairs have not yet been completed, since they are included as part of the "Repairs Refresh Programme", involving the appointment a private repairs management company to manage the response repairs service, which has been agreed in principle by the Cabinet. A separate member-level Repairs Advisory Group (including the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Housing Scrutiny Panel) has been formed to oversee the arrangements and good progress is being made.
5. The Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider the Progress Report and to feed back to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Housing any comments it considers appropriate.

Reason for decision:

The Scrutiny Panel's Terms of Reference require the Scrutiny Panel to review progress with the Key Action Plan.

Options considered and rejected:

Not to review progress with the Key Action Plan after 6 months.

Consultation undertaken:

The Tenants and Leaseholders Federation will be consulted on the Progress Report at its next meeting, which will take place after the Scrutiny Panel's meeting.

Resource implications: Nil