

Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 31st January 2012

Portfolio: Housing – Cllr M. McEwen

**Subject: Response to CLG Consultation Paper on
“Reinvigorating the Right to Buy and one for one
replacement”**



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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

- (1) That the abridged version of the CLG Consultation Paper “*Reinvigorating the Right to Buy and one for one replacement*”, attached as Appendix 2, be noted;**
- (2) That consideration be given to the proposed Council response to the Consultation Paper; and**
- (3) That the Scrutiny Panel considers whether any different or additional comments should be included within the Council’s response.**

Report:

1. Just before Christmas, the Department for Communities and Local Government issued a Consultation Paper on “*Reinvigorating the Right to Buy and one for one replacement*”. An abridged version of the Consultation Paper (i.e. excluding all the annexes) is attached as Appendix 2 to this report. The Closing Date for responses is 2nd February 2012.
2. A proposed response by the Council to the Consultation Paper is attached as Appendix 1. It should be noted that, rather than attempting to provide a response to each question raised in the Consultation Paper, the response only comments on those aspects of the Consultation Paper which it is felt warrants comment from the Council.
3. The Scrutiny Panel is invited to consider the proposed Council response and whether any different or additional comments should be included within the response.
4. The Tenants and Leaseholders Federation is due to also consider the Consultation Paper, and whether it wishes to make its own response, at its meeting to be held on the 26th January 2012. The Federation has been provided with a copy of the attached draft response from Council for its information. The outcome of the Federation’s considerations will be reported orally at the meeting for information.