Request by Member for Scrutiny Review
2013/14 Work Programme

Please complete the form below to request consideration of your issue by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Proposers Name: JENNIE HART	Date of Request 16/05/13
Supporting Councillors (if any): KEN ANGOLD-STEPHENS	

Summary of Issue you wish to be scrutinised:

The difficulty this council encounters when improvements to communal areas of flat blocks are required and when there are tenants and lease-holders sharing the same building and therefore sharing the same communal areas.

This issue has been brought to my attention because of specific problems encountered when an attempt was made to request essential improvements to the communal areas of some large flat blocks. I have come across similar problems in communal areas of small flat blocks.

NOTE: ENTRIES BELOW RELATE TO ISSUE CATEGORIES OF THE PICK PROCESS. PLEASE REFER TO THE EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THIS FORM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Public Interest Justification:

Finding a solution to this issue would be in the interest of all residents of flat blocks, whether leaseholders, tenants of leaseholders or council tenants.

Impact on the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area:

There is a big impact on the area because of this issue. It means that if communal areas of flat blocks are not kept up to a modern standard, residents of these blocks cannot take pride in this shared part of their home, and the visual appearance of these communal parts is of no asset to the area in which they are situated.

Sometimes the need for improvement extends to external areas; in the case of the large flat blocks referred to, the outside porches / entrances to the communal area are also neglected and visually detrimental to the area.

If one feature in the communal area of a flat block is not improved, it is a concern, but if 2 or more features deteriorate and no improvements are made, then the building may contrast unfavourably with other dwellings in the area.

Council Performance in this area (if known: Red, Amber, Green):

Keep in Context (are other reviews taking place in this area?)

Office Use:

Pick score:	Considered By OSCC: