

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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Subject: Amendment to Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel's Terms of Reference

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

To recommend to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel's Terms of Reference be amended to absorb the responsibilities of the disbanded Housing Repairs Advisory Group by the addition of the following paragraph:

“To consider matters relating to the performance of the Council's Repairs Management Contract and to make any recommendations to the Housing Portfolio Holder or Cabinet, as appropriate.”

Report:

The Housing Repairs Advisory Group was set up in 2010 and consisted of the:

- Housing Portfolio Holder;
- Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel;
- Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Tenants and Leaseholders Federation; and
- Director of Housing and Assistant Director of Housing (Property).

The Panel received information on the Housing Repairs Management Contract (awarded to Mears). However the contract has now been in place for over two years and its arrangements have become embedded within the normal operations of the Housing Directorate.

Following consultation with the members of the Housing Repairs Advisory Group, the Constitution and Member Services Scrutiny Standing Panel recommended to Council on 23 April 2013 that this group could be disbanded and its work transferred to the Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to agree the proposed addition to the Panel's Terms of Reference.