

## **Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel**

**Date of meeting: 22 October 2013**

**Portfolio: Housing – Councillor D. Stallan**

**Subject: Government Consultation Paper  
“Providing social housing for local people”**

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### **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**(1) That the Housing Scrutiny Panel receives an oral report on the recently received DCLG Consultation Paper “Providing social housing for local people” which is attached at Appendix 1; and**

**(2) That consideration be given to any Council response to the Consultation Paper.**

### **Report:**

1. The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) issued a consultation paper on 14 October 2013 entitled “Providing social housing for local people, Strengthening statutory guidance on social housing allocations.” The Consultation Paper is attached at Appendix 1 to the report. The closing date for responses is 22 November 2013.

2. As the Consultation Paper was received after the Agenda dispatch, the Housing Scrutiny Panel is asked to receive an oral report on its detail. As the Paper could have implications to the Council’s recently revised Housing Allocations Scheme, the Housing Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider if the Council wishes to respond.

### **Reason for decision:**

4. To give the Housing Scrutiny Panel the opportunity to consider the Government’s Consultation Paper and, if appropriate, agree a response in order to influence and comment on the Guidance.

### **Options considered and rejected:**

5. Not to consider or respond to the Government’s Consultation Paper.

### **Consultation undertaken:**

6. The Tenants and Leaseholders Federation will be consulted on the Paper at their meeting on 31 October 2013 and will be invited to submit its own views to the CLG directly.

**Resource implications:**

Budget provision: None  
Personnel: None  
Land: N/A

Community Plan/BVPP reference: N/A  
Relevant statutory powers: Housing Act 1996; Localism Act 2011

Background papers: None  
Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: None  
Key Decision reference: (if required) N/A