

Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 23 April 2014

Portfolio: Housing – Cllr D. Stallan

**Subject: Housing Revenue Account Business Plan
Key Action Plan (2013/14) -
12-Month Progress Report**



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Recommendation:

That the Panel considers the 12-Month Progress Report for the Key Action Plan contained within the HRA Business Plan 2013/14 (attached as an Appendix) and provides any feedback to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Communities accordingly.

Report:

1. In March 2013, the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan for 2013/14 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 following 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. A 6-Month Progress Report on the actions contained within the Key Action Plan 2013/14 was reported to the Housing Scrutiny Panel in October 2013. An updated 12-Month Progress Report is attached as an Appendix to this report for consideration.
4. The Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider the Progress Report and to feed back to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Communities any comments it considers appropriate. The Tenants and Leaseholders Federation is due to be consulted on the Progress Report at its meeting scheduled for 24th April 2014, and their comments will also be provided to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Communities.
5. The proposed new Housing Revenue Account Business Plan for next year (2014/15), incorporating a new Key Action Plan, is reported elsewhere on the agenda.