

Report of: Chair of Housing Scrutiny Committee

Meeting of	Date	Ward(s)
Executive	16 July 2015	All

Non-exempt

Subject: Scaffolding and Work Platforms Scrutiny Review

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This report requests that the Executive receive the recommendations in relation to the Scaffolding and Work Platforms scrutiny review, following completion of the scrutiny. An update on the recommendations set out in the report will be provided to a future meeting of the Executive.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To receive the report of the Housing Scrutiny Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1 In December 2014 the Housing Scrutiny Committee commenced a review of the use of scaffolding and other work platforms by Housing Property Services, considering the costs, issues and pros and cons of different forms of provision.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

The proposals in the review would need to be costed by the Executive.

4.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications at this stage.

4.3 Environmental implications

There are no environmental implications as the decision being sought is only for the Executive to consider the recommendations.

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed because the decision being sought is only for the Executive to consider the recommendations.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 The Committee recognise that the use of scaffolding can represent a significant cost to the Council and inconvenience to local people. For this reason, recommendations have been made which seek to minimise the use of scaffolding and secure best value. In formulating its recommendations, the Committee has also considered to the Council's need to maximise income and the importance of increasing local employment opportunities. The Executive is asked to endorse the Committee's recommendations.

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