

**Report of: Chair of the Housing Scrutiny Committee**

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## **Subject: Capital Programming – Recommendations from the Housing Scrutiny Committee**

### **1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This report requests that the Executive receive the recommendations of the Housing Scrutiny Committee, following completion of the Capital Programming review. A response to the recommendations set out in the report will be considered at a future meeting of the Executive.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the report of the Housing Scrutiny Committee be received.
- 2.2 That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Housing Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Committee commenced the review in September 2014 with the overall aims of investigating how contractors are selected; looking at opportunities for using local labour; and exploring who determines what works are undertaken
- 3.2 In carrying out the review the Committee received evidence from officers, the council's capital works contractors and residents. The Committee considered matters related to the cost of the programme, procurement methods, planning and prioritisation, and resident engagement and satisfaction.

## **4. Implications**

### **4.1 Financial Implications**

The proposals in the review need to be costed before a response is made by the Executive.

### **4.2 Legal Implications**

Relevant legal implications will be considered as part of the response to the review.

### **4.3 Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications at this stage. Any environmental implications will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

### **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.

The Committee has had regard to any equalities implications and resident impacts identified by witnesses during the course of the review. Details of any such implications are set out in the appended report. A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed as the Executive is only asked to receive the report at this stage. The impact on residents will need to be fully considered as part of the Executive Member response to the review, at which point a Resident Impact Assessment will be completed if required.

## **5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

- 5.1 The Committee heard evidence about different procurement methods, the cost of the programme, tenant and leaseholder satisfaction and the ways in which capital works could be used to improve the quality and quantity of local employment opportunities. Recommendations have been made where the Committee consider that improvements can be made.

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