

Report of: Chair of Housing Scrutiny Committee

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**Subject: Reintegration Programme of PFI 2 Services
– Findings of the Housing Scrutiny Committee****1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This report requests that the Executive receive the recommendations of the Housing Scrutiny Committee following the completion of its review of Partners Improvement properties. 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

On 23 November 2020, the Housing Scrutiny Committee commenced a review of how the Council would be managing the process of bringing back in house properties that were currently being managed by Partners for Improvement (PFI 2). The overall aim of the review was to ensure that robust processes are in place to ensure that there is an orderly and effective transfer of Partners' properties, and importantly to confirm that they will be in an acceptable condition in relation to repairs. In addition, the Committee wished to scrutinise the Council's capacity to administer the direct management and maintenance of

these properties and to ensure that all the necessary data required is in place for the transfer of such properties.

4.1 Financial Implications

The proposals in the report 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 Equalities 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 an Equalities Impact Assessment will be completed if required.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 The Committee acknowledges the collaboration of all parties involved in ensuring the smooth transfer of the properties back in house, welcoming the stock repair surveys that were carried out and importantly the data transfer from Partners for Improvement, so as to minimise any disruption to services. The recommendations in the report will help to ensure that the delivery of services will not be affected as a result of the transfer.

Appendices:

- Final Report of the Housing Scrutiny Committee

Background papers:

- None

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