

**Report of: Chair of Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Meeting of</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>
Executive	22 October 2015	All

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## **Subject: Communal Heating Scrutiny Review**

### **1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This report requests that the Executive receive the recommendations in relation to the Communal Heating 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 Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, having due regard to any relevant implications.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 In October 2014 the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee commenced a scrutiny to examine the effectiveness of the current communal heating provision in Islington.

## **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 Communal Heating Scrutiny Review concluded that work was taking place to improve the heating provision for residents. The committee hoped the recommendations of the scrutiny review would further improve heating provision for residents.

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