

## Cabinet - 18 October 2022

### Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Councillor A. Andrew – Deputy Leader and Regeneration Councillor G. Ali - Customer
<b>Related Portfolios:</b>	None
<b>Service:</b>	Planning and Customer
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Key decision:</b>	n/a
<b>Forward plan:</b>	n/a

#### 1. Aim

To receive two recommendations from the Scrutiny Overview Committee made on 4 October 2022.

#### 2. Recommendations

That Cabinet considers the recommendations of the Scrutiny Overview Committee.

#### 3. Report detail – know

At its meeting of 4 October 2022 the Scrutiny Overview Committee held an item discussion social housing in Walsall and heard representations from whg and GreenSquareAccord.

Following the discussions the following recommendations were made:

- 1. Scrutiny is concerned at the time taken to decide on planning applications, delaying much needed housing as pointed out by Registered Social Housing landlords. The Scrutiny Overview Committee therefore asks Cabinet to look at the resources required to speed up the planning process and further recommends that the Head of Planning and Building Control bring a report to the Committee on this issue at its meeting on 12 December 2022.*
- 2. The Scrutiny Overview Committee requests Cabinet to examine if increased competition in the Social Housing sector in Walsall is required.*

#### **4. Decide**

The recommendations are asking Cabinet to review and examine two points of interest. Cabinet could choose to:

1. undertake the recommendations as set out;
2. reject them;
3. choose to receive a report in more depth at a future Cabinet meeting;
4. report the findings to the Scrutiny Overview Committee on 12 December 2022.

#### **5. Respond**

Following the decision of Cabinet, the Scrutiny Overview Committee will be advised of the outcome.

#### **6. Review**

Subject to the decision of Cabinet further reports and attendance at Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings may be required.

### **Background papers**

None

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