

Cabinet – 17 July 2024

Recommendations from Scrutiny Overview Committee regarding the Housing Standards Working Group

Portfolio: Councillor Andrew – Associate Leader, Economic Growth & Regeneration

Related Portfolios: Councillor Garcha – Portfolio Holder for Resident Access & Housing Support

Service: Public Health

Wards: All

Key decision: No

Forward plan: No

1. Aim

To receive recommendations from the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee made on 18 April 2024.

2. Recommendations

That Cabinet consider the findings and recommendations of the Scrutiny Overview Committee as contained within the Housing Standards Final Report as attached in appendix 1.

3. Report detail – know

At its meeting of 18 April 2024, the Scrutiny Overview Committee received the final report of the Housing Standards Working Group which was established on 28 September 2023.

The Working Group conducted research and examined the following topics:

- Enhancing Energy Efficiency
- Quality of Housing
- Promotion of Housing Standards
- Housing Supply and Demand
- Healthy Spaces and Communities
- Local Planning Policies and the Housing Strategy

Due to the limited timescales, there was an onus on independent research and study. To complement this work, the Members invited representatives from Social Housing Landlords, private landlord representatives and Walsall Council teams such as regeneration, strategic housing standards and customer engagement.

Members considered the findings and the recommendations of the working group report, which were both supported unanimously by the Committee.

4. Decide

The recommendations of the Committee are set out and the Cabinet could choose to:

1. Accept the recommendations as set out;
2. Reject the recommendations; and/or
3. Choose to receive a report in more depth at a future Cabinet meeting.

5. Respond

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

6. Review

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

7. Appendix

Housing Standards Working Group Final Report

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