

Report of the Director of Governance

## **Aims and Objectives of the Housing Poverty Scrutiny Review**

### **Summary**

1. The purpose of this report is to establish the aims and objectives for a Scrutiny Review into Housing Poverty. At the November meeting of this committee, Members were presented with a report from the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, requesting that they take part in a Corporate Review into Poverty. It was agreed that a review would be undertaken and this report asks the committee to establish its remit, objectives and assign Members to carry out the review.

### **Background**

2. At the December meeting of this committee, Members received a report into Housing Need and Availability containing information on the Common Allocation Policy, numbers on the housing register and the Housing Delivery Programme. The committee requested that additional information be added to the report to help focus the remit and objectives of this review. The updated report is attached at Annex A and includes more detailed information regarding the current waiting list, housing demand and supply, and benchmarking statistics against comparable authorities.

### **Consultation**

3. No consultation was necessary in the production of this report.

## **Options**

4. Following the consideration of the updated annex, the committee can:
  - a) Agree to carry out the review as intended and set a remit and a number of objectives to help guide the work of the appointed task group.
  - b) Decide that, based on information contained in the updated report, a review is no longer necessary.

## **Analysis**

5. There was no analysis necessary in this report.

## **Council Plan**

6. The issues that will be discussed in this session are linked to the Council Plan theme of 'Creating Homes and a World-class Infrastructure' as set out in the Council Plan 2019-23.

## **Risks and Implications**

7. There are no known risks or implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

## **Recommendation**

8. Members are asked to consider whether they wish to agree to set up a task group to look into Housing Poverty, using the annexed report to help:
  - a) Set a remit for the task group
  - b) Formulate a set of objectives to guide the review
9. Should Members agree to carry out this review, the committee must also:
  - a) Nominate and appoint Members to a task group
  - b) Agree a timescale for the review

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All

### Annexes

Annex A: January 2020 Update – Housing Needs and Availability

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