

MINUTES

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

17 JANUARY 2024

Present:

Members:

Councillor Barry-Mears(Chair)
Councillor Capozzi (Vice Chair)
Councillor McArevey
Councillor B Link
Councillor C Link
Councillor Banks
Councillor Barradell
Councillor Adeleke
Councillor Johnson
Councillor B Williams
Councillor Pesch

Natasha Beresford	Assistant Director - Housing Operations & Safe Communities
Mark Pinnell	Assistant Director Property
Darren Welsh	Chief Housing Officer
F Jump	Head of Financial Services
Kayley Johnston	Corporate & Democratic Support Officer (minutes)

The meeting began at 7:30

1 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 6 December 2023 were agreed by Members present and signed by the Chair.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pringle, Cox and Wilkie.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

5 **CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO CALL-IN**

None

6 **ACTION POINT FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Action: KJ - Find out when climate change is coming to committee

7 **HRA BUSINESS PLAN REFRESH**

Darren Welsh introduced the report. The purpose of the report is to present the proposed update of the HRA Business Plan. The Plan provides the financial context of the Council's HRA service over a 30 year period with a focus on the medium term (first five years).

To present the proposed Acquisitions and Disposals policy associated with the Business

Plan. To present the proposed Rent Policy and to present proposed actions to allow the objectives of the Business Plan to be delivered.

The recommendation is to provide feedback to Cabinet and Full Council.

Please refer to the video minutes for the full discussion.

The report was agreed and noted by Members.

ACTION F Jump - circulate the average rent increase.

ACTION: D Welsh to look into the recovery/damaged property cost success rate.

8 **DRAFT INTERIM ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The purpose of the report is to provide an update with progress on developing a draft Interim Asset Management Strategy with associated action plan for the Council.

The recommendation is to approve the Draft Interim Asset Management Strategy.

Please refer to the video minutes for the full discussion.

The report was agreed and noted by Members.

9 **BUILDING SAFETY POLICY**

The purpose of the report is to introduce a draft Building Safety Policy and provide clarity on the role of the duty holder / Accountable person with regards to any building regulated by the Fire Safety Order amended by the Building Safety Act 2022.

The recommendation is to note the report and approve the draft building safety policy to move forward through the approval process.

Please refer to the video minutes for the full discussion.

The report was agreed and noted by Members.

ACTION: M Pinnell to look whether the report should have names as well as job titles or just names.

10 **FORWARD PLAN**

Agreed

The work programme was agreed.

The Meeting ended at 21:09