

## MINUTES

### HOUSING AND COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

6 DECEMBER 2023

**Present:**

**Members:**

Barry (Chair)  
Adeleke  
Johnson  
Pesch  
Williams  
Banks  
B Link  
Pringle  
C Link  
Silwal

**Officers:**

Natasha Beresford	Assistant Director - Housing Operations & Safe Communities
Mark Pinnell	Assistant Director Property
Diane Southam	Assistant Director - Place, Communities and Enterprise
Darren Welsh	Strategic Director, Housing and Property Services
David Barrett	Assistant Director - Strategic Housing and Delivery
Simon Walton	Interim Head of Strategy, Quality and Assurance
Oliver Jackson	Head of Housing Operations
Joshua Smith	Head of Safe Communities
Andrew Linden	Head of Commercial Housing Contracts
Kayley Johnston	Corporate & Democratic Support Officer (minutes)

**Also Attendance:**

Councillor Dhyani                      Portfolio Holder – Housing & Property Services

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

The minutes of the meeting on 13 September 2023 and 8 November 2023 were agreed by Members present and signed by the Chair.

**87**                    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor McArevey, Barradell and Cox

**88**                    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**89**                    **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

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

None.

**91**                    **DRAFT 2024/25 BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The 2024/2025 Budget report was introduced by N Howcut.  
The purpose of the report was to provide Members with an overview of the draft budget strategy and proposals in order to provide Members the opportunity to scrutinise them and provide feedback to Cabinet.

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

The report was agreed and noted by the Committee.

**92**                    **HOUSING STRATEGY 2014- 2029**

S Walton presented the Housing Strategy report 2014-2029 to Members seeking their approval.

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

The report was agreed and noted by Members.

**93**                    **VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMMISSIONING  
APPROACH**

D Southam presented this policy to provide details of the proposed direct grant award approach for the voluntary and community sector. It is recommended that Members note the report and identify any comments.

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

The report was agreed and noted by Members.

**94**                    **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

To consider passing a resolution in the following terms:  
That, under s.100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A Part 1 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during the item in Part II of the Agenda for this meeting, because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the public were present during this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to: Item 10.

**95**                    **REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & CAPITAL DELIVERY COMMERCIAL PROCUREMENT REPORT**

Full details can be found in the part 2 minutes.

**96**                    **ACTION POINTS**

Previous actions, N Beresford is working with Members Support and Diane will feed back about when her item will come to OCS.

**97**                    **FORWARD PLAN**

Agreed and Noted.

The Meeting ended at 9.40 pm