

Private Sector Housing - Standards and Issues Related to Rented Properties – Update Report

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report provides Members with an update since the last report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Members note the information contained in the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that Planning, Housing and Leisure Board is kept informed of the work being done to try and address poor standards and issues related to rented properties.
- 3.2 Information relating to the preliminary research and potential options available are being considered by the Cabinet Member.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 At the meeting in July 2012, the Board received information on the size and condition of the private rented sector (PRS) in Derby, the nature of the housing health and safety rating system (the legislative tool used by officers to address hazards in dwellings), the licensing of houses in multiple occupation and the proposed activities of the Housing Standards Team to address standards and issues related to the PRS.
- 4.2 One of those proposed activities set out was to undertake preliminary research to look at the options available to address poor housing standards, including the possibility of discretionary licensing power, in certain parts of the City.
- 4.3 The preliminary research work has now been conducted by the housing standards team along with partners from the Police, Community Neighbourhood Partnership, Environmental Protection Team and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- 4.4 A report is currently being prepared for the Cabinet Member that identifies the findings from the research and options for future action. The report will be considered by the

Cabinet Member and colleagues in due course.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Not Applicable
Financial officer	Not Applicable
Human Resources officer	Not Applicable
Estates/Property officer	Not Applicable
Service Director(s)	John Tomlinson, Director of Environment and Regulatory Services
Other(s)	Not Applicable

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 None arising directly from this report.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None arising directly from this report.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 The information set out in this report supports the corporate priorities to ensure the people in Derby will enjoy **good quality services that meet local needs and being safe and feeling safe.**