

## **Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Boards**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Overview and scrutiny boards routinely conduct service reviews to support the Council Cabinet in policy development. The Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board and the Children and Young People Board have conducted topic reviews in areas that fall within their respective remits and agreed their respective reports (attached).
- 1.2 The Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board carried out a review of challenging regeneration sites in and around the city centre whilst the Children and Young People Board looked at whether our children's homes are fit for purpose now and in the future? In both reviews, members held additional special meetings and received evidence from wide range of stakeholders to form their recommendations.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To receive the report and support recommendations from overview and scrutiny boards.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Overview and Scrutiny Boards have a role in assisting the Council and the Council Cabinet in developing the budget and policy framework, by conducting in-depth analysis of policy issues. Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board and the Children and Young People Board have conducted reviews in service areas that fall within their respective portfolios and their reports are submitted for consideration by the Council Cabinet.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board

- 4.1 The Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board conducted a detailed review on difficult to regenerate sites in the city centre. In conducting this review members received evidence from a range of individuals including senior members and officers as well as developers with significant interests in the city. The review focused on three major sites in the city including Friar Gate Goods Yard, Becketwell and Castleward urban village. The Board has made a number of recommendations which will help to move these sites forward.

### Children and Young People Board Recommendation

- 4.2 The Children and Young People resolved at its meeting on 11 September 2012 to conduct a topic review to establish 'Are our children's homes fit for purpose now and in the future?'
- 4.3 Councillors Whitby and Bailey formed a review team and heard evidence from witnesses, visited Children's homes and attended the Children in Care Council. Background evidence including information from Ofsted, examples of best practice and relevant policies and strategies was also explored.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

Recommendations contained in this report have been approved by the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Boards.

This report has been approved by:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
Other(s)	Councillors Mark Tittley & John Whitby

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

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 None directly related to this report.

**Legal**

- 2.1 The Council Cabinet is required to respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving the report.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 None directly arising.

**Health and Safety**

- 5.1 None arising from this report

**Environment Sustainability**

- 6.1 None arising from this report

**Asset Management**

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

**Risk Management**

- 8.1 None arising from this report

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 9.1 Our aim is to work together so that all people in Derby benefit from scrutiny.

