

# **WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**20 NOVEMBER 2019**

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### **Title:**

## **PROGRESS ON 'COUNCIL HOUSING: PRIDE OR PREJUDICE' O&S WORKING GROUP ACTION PLAN**

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### **Summary and purpose:**

The purpose of this document is to update the Committee on the progress against the recommendations to the Executive of the 'Council Housing: Pride or Prejudice' in-depth O&S study – the final report of which came to this Committee February 2019.

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### **How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:**

This report directly relates to the Council's Strategy and in particular to its vision to promote and sustain 'housing to buy and rent, for those at all income levels' and 'the value and worth of all residents, regardless of income, wealth, age, disability, race, gender and sexual orientation.'

### **Equality and Diversity Implications:**

The review and resulting action plan intrinsically consider equality and diversity implications and draw these out where relevant.

### **Financial Implications:**

Actions resulting from the recommendations are being met through existing budget for this year and next year's actions will be within proposed budget for 2020/21.

### **Legal Implications:**

There are no direct legal implications associated with this report.

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## **1. Background**

Following the publication of the Green Paper 'A new deal for social housing' in August 2018, the Housing O&S Committee set up a working group to identify whether or not there was any existing stigma against social housing within the borough and, if there was, what Waverley could do to tackle it and promote pride in council homes. The working group made 18 recommendations to the Executive on areas ranging from housing services delivered by the Council; communication and promotion, and estate appearance. The final report can be found in the February 2019 papers of the Committee.

Appendix 1 details the recommendations made as a result of the in-depth O&S work and the progress made so far against these recommendations.

## **Conclusion**

Various teams across the Council are progressing the actions recommended within the action plan in order to tackle existing stigma within the borough and promote pride in Council homes. As a working group of this committee, the Housing O&S Committee has a role in scrutinising the progress of the actions.

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## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee notes and scrutinises the progress against the recommendations.

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## **Background Papers**

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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