



To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 14th November 2018

Subject: Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To enable members of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee to consider the new Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy and to ask questions on its' implementation to the Cabinet Members and officers

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to:

- 1) Consider the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy (Appendix 1)
- 2) Identify any questions for officers and Cabinet Members
- 3) Identify any further recommendations for the appropriate Cabinet Member

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on 2nd October 2018, Cabinet approved the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy 2018.
- 3.2 The report stated that the provision of good quality housing for Coventry residents is a priority for the City Council.
- 3.3 The adopted Coventry Local Plan 2016 details how Coventry City Council will meet the future house building needs up to 2031. There is also a need to consider the City's existing housing stock and in particular the quality of homes provided via the Private Rented Sector (PRS).
- 3.4 Over the last two years, Government have legislated to provide local authorities with additional powers to tackle poor quality homes in the PRS.
- 3.5 This policy encompasses all powers available to the City Council from a variety of different pieces of legislation (as detailed in the policy at Appendix 1). This policy will act as a framework for all future housing enforcement activities.

Appendix 1: Policy on Enforcing Standards in Private Sector Housing

Gennie Holmes
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