

Housing Select Committee			
<b>Report Title</b>	Response from Mayor and Cabinet to matters referred by the Housing Select Committee – Comments of the Housing Select Committee on New Homes, Better Places phase two		
<b>Key Decision</b>	No		Item No. 3
<b>Ward</b>	All		
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<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: 1 October 2014	

## 1. Summary

This report informs members of the response given at Mayor and Cabinet to a referral in respect of recommendations to the Mayor following the discussions held on the officer report New Homes, Better Places phase two which the Select Committee considered at a special meeting on September 2 2014.

## 2. Purpose of the Report

To report to members the response given at Mayor and Cabinet to recommendations made by the Select Committee on September 2 2014.

## 3. Recommendation

The Select Committee is recommended to receive the Mayoral response to their consideration of

## 4. Background

- 4.1 The Mayor considered the attached report entitled ‘Comments of the Housing Select Committee on New Homes, Better Places phase two’ referred by Select Committee at the Mayor & Cabinet meeting held on September 3 2014.

## 5. Mayoral Response

- 5.1 The Mayor received an officer report and a presentation from the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Executive Director for Customer Services.
- 5.2 The Mayor resolved that the response shown below be submitted to the Select Committee.

*3.2 The Committee commends the aims of the programme and is supportive of the progress that is being made.*

The Mayor welcomed the Committee's support

*3.3 The Committee asks that it be kept updated about the future progress of the programme.*

The Mayor asked Officers to ensure this was done

*3.4 The Committee expects that sufficient periods of advance notice will be given for pre-decision scrutiny of future decisions. In particular, it believes that any future recommendation to delegate decision making to officers or to implement recommendations that have been made following the delegation of decision making, should be available to be scrutinised as part of a full and frank process.*

The Mayor noted the views of the Select Committee.

*3.5 The Committee recommends that the Council make best use of all opportunities to promote the benefits of the programme.*

The Mayor welcomed the Committee's support

*3.6 The Committee intends to visit the development sites once work has commenced.*

The Mayor noted the intention of the Select Committee.

*3.7 Members of the Committee wish to be involved in the procurement process.*

The Mayor sought advice from the Head of Law on the Select Committee's request to be involved in the procurement process. The Mayor was advised that such involvement would not be appropriate and that the existing Constitutional provisions relating to procurement decisions should prevail. The Mayor therefore suggested that should the Housing Select Committee have concerns about procurement outcomes, these be raised with the Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel which had the authority to subject any key decision to post decision scrutiny.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Mayor & Cabinet minutes September 3 2014

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