

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Housing Select Committee on New Homes, Better Places phase two	
Contributor	Housing Select Committee	Item 5
Class	Part 1	3 September 2014

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Housing Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report entitled *New Homes, Better Places Phase 2 Update*, considered at its meeting on 2 September 2014.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to note the views of the Housing Select Committee as set out in section three of this referral and agree that the Executive Director for Customer Services be asked to respond.

3. Housing Select Committee views

- 3.1 On 2 September 2014, the Housing Select Committee considered a report and received a presentation from officers about the New Homes, Better Places programme.
- 3.2 The Committee commends the aims of the programme and is supportive of the progress that is being made.
- 3.3 The Committee asks that it be kept updated about the future progress of the programme.
- 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.
- 3.5 The Committee recommends that the Council make best use of all opportunities to promote the benefits of the programme.
- 3.6 The Committee intends to visit the development sites once work has commenced.
- 3.7 Members of the Committee wish to be involved in the procurement process.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there are financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

6. Further Implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider.

Background papers

New Homes, Better Places Phase 2 Update (Housing Select Committee 02.09.14)

If you have any queries on this report, please contact Timothy Andrew, Scrutiny Manager (ext. 47916), or Kevin Flaherty, Committee Business Manager (ext. 49327).