

## Housing Select Committee

<b>Report Title</b>	Key Housing Issues: Government Policy and Welfare Reform	
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	Item No. 6
<b>Ward</b>	All	
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<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: 8 July 2015

### 1. Overview

- 1.1. As part of the work programme for Housing Select Committee agreed to review the main housing policy implications arising as a result of the Government's legislative agenda, following the General Election in May. Committee also resolved to review the implications of any welfare reforms that would also be pertinent to housing.
- 1.2. Committee is scheduled to meet on 8 July. The Government will announce its Budget on the afternoon of the 8<sup>th</sup>, and will be the time at which much more detail about the expected policy programme is likely to be announced. As such, to enable the update to Committee to be as full and timely as possible, a presentation covering the key housing issues and the implications of the Budget will be tabled at the time of the meeting.
- 1.3. As a part of this presentation, officers will also cover the content and coverage of a report that is proposed to be considered by Mayor and Cabinet on 15 July, setting out how the Council intends to respond to recent legal rulings regarding the assessment and placement of homeless households, so that Committee may see and comment on that ahead of consideration by the Mayor. Officers anticipate that a draft of this report will be available for the supplementary dispatch of papers for this meeting on 2 July.

### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. The Select Committee is asked to note that a full detailed presentation on the main policy implications of the Government's new legislative agenda, an early assessment of the implications of the Budget, and any associated welfare reforms, will be tabled on the night of committee.