

<b>Housing Select Committee</b>			
<b>Title</b>	Key Housing Issues: Housing and Planning Bill		
<b>Key decision</b>	No	<b>Item no</b>	6
<b>Wards</b>	All		
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<b>Class</b>	Part 1	Date: 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2015	

## **1 Summary**

- 1.1 As part of the work programme, 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 The Housing and Planning Bill was published on 13 October. The Bill includes a range of measures including:
- Provisions to encourage the development of more Starter Homes
  - Measures targeting rogue landlords
  - Pay to Stay – where high earning social tenants will be made to pay higher rents
  - The Right to Buy extended to Housing Association tenants
  - Local authorities being compelled to sell high value assets
  - Changes to planning permission so that some sites have permission in principle
- 1.3 Officers have begun assessing the impact and implications of the draft bill and will update Committee at the meeting. To enable the update to be as full and timely as possible, a presentation covering the key housing issues and the implications of the Bill will be tabled at the time of the meeting.

## **2 Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Select Committee is asked to note that a full detailed presentation on the main policy implications of the draft Housing and Planning Bill will be tabled on the night of committee.