

Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive (Introduced by Cabinet Member (Planning, Business Support and Economic Development))	Informal Cabinet Briefing	Monday, 19 June 2023
	Cabinet	Wednesday, 5 July 2023

Scrutiny Review of Building Better Homes and Neighbourhoods Enhancing housing standards in South Ribble - Response to Recommendations

Is this report confidential?	No
Is this decision key?	No

Purpose of the Report

1. To present Cabinet with the final report from the Scrutiny Committee's review of Building Better Homes and Neighbourhoods (Enhancing Housing Standards in South Ribble).

Recommendations to Cabinet

2. That Cabinet consider and respond to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review of Building Better Homes and Neighbourhoods.

Reasons for recommendations

3. As part of the governance arrangements of the Council and Scrutiny regulations, Cabinet are required to respond to recommendations referred to it by the Scrutiny Committee.
4. To ensure that the Council continues to place the health and wellbeing of residents at the forefront of its work and to support the Council's vision for good homes, green spaces and healthy places.

Other options considered and rejected

5. No options were considered.

Corporate priorities

5. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

An exemplary council	Thriving communities
A fair local economy that works for everyone	Good homes, green spaces, healthy places

Background to the report

6. As part of the Scrutiny Committee's work programming, which includes look at the key issues affecting the Borough, it was felt appropriate for the Scrutiny Committee to form a task group to review the housing standards in South Ribble.
7. The task group was made up of:
 - Councillor Michael Green (Chair)
 - Councillor Lou Jackson
 - Councillor Kath Unsworth
 - Councillor Karen Walton
8. The task group started its review in November 2022 and completed its work in March 2023. The final report from the review, attached at Appendix 1, was agreed by the Scrutiny Committee on 20 March 2023 (minute 116 refers)
9. The final report from the Task Group was presented to Full Council on 17 May 2023 (minute 128 refers) and it was agreed that the recommendations be considered by Cabinet for implementation.
10. A draft response to each of the recommendations has been put together and attached at Appendix 2 to enable the Cabinet to consider each recommendation.
11. Cabinet is therefore asked to consider each recommendation and respond to the Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.
12. The Community and External Scrutiny Committee will then monitor the implementation of the recommendations as part of its monitoring and tracking process.

Climate change and air quality

13. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Councils Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

Equality and diversity

14. There are no equality or diversity implications immediately arising from this report. It is anticipated, however, that the recommendations of the task group will enhance the health and quality of life all demographics within South Ribble.

Risk

15. There are no risks identified with any of the information contained within this report.

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

16. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, however Recommendation 4 could have implications on the funding of future capital schemes should restrictions be required on the utilisation of S.106 receipts; this could lead to less flexibility across the borough. By tying payments closely to the ward in which they are generated, if a project does not come forward within that ward in the timeframe available to expend the S.106 receipt, then the money could be lost.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

17. No comments.

Background documents

There are no background papers to this report.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Final Report of the Scrutiny Review Task Group into Housing Standards in South Ribble

Appendix 2 – Draft Responses to Recommendations

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