

SCRUTINY ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
INTERIM SCRUTINY MANAGER	INTERNAL AFFAIRS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	20 FEBRUARY 2024	9
IN-DEPTH SCRUTINY REVIEW - AFFORDABLE HOUSING			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

Further to the resolution of the Committee on 5 September 2023 to commence an in-depth scrutiny review on Affordable Housing, members are requested to consider/agree the attached Scoping Document and nominate members to be appointed to a Task & Finish Group to undertake the review.

SOURCE OF REFERRAL

Scrutiny training event - 7 June 2023

Workshop of Internal Affairs Scrutiny Committee members - 22 August 2023.

Workshop Community Focus Scrutiny Committee - 19 September 2023

Minutes - Internal Affairs Scrutiny Committee - 5 September 2023

FURTHER INFORMATION

None

SUGGESTED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To agree to the proposed Scoping Document relating to Affordable Housing.
2. To nominate members to be appointed to the Affordable Housing Task & Finish Group for this purpose.
3. To recommend direct to the Executive Committee the findings from the first part of the review relating to the Housing Needs Survey 2022 (HNS) and the associated update to the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (AHSPD) which is deemed to be a priority with the remaining work relating other elements of the affordable housing review being picked up by the Task and Finish Group later in the year.

REPORT

1. At a workshop of the Internal Affairs Scrutiny Committee held on 22 August, members were invited to consider the in-depth scrutiny reviews for Internal Affairs Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.
2. The Committee at its meeting on 5 September 2023 agreed to the following in-depth scrutiny reviews being established and commenced in the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year in the following order: Regeneration followed by Affordable Housing.

3. The Scrutiny Workplan outlines the areas of work which are expected to be scrutinised over the coming months/year by or on behalf of the Council's Scrutiny function and any Task and Finish Groups convened for review work.
4. The concept of a Task and Finish Group to undertake this piece of work was agreed at the 5 September meeting. Members are now invited to nominate members to be appointed to this group.
5. The Committee is also invited to consider the proposed Scrutiny Review Scoping Document for Affordable Housing which is attached at Appendix 1.
6. Due to other ongoing scrutiny commitments, it is proposed that the in-depth review on Affordable Housing be commenced (in part) in February. The remaining work relating to other elements of the affordable housing review will be picked up by the Task and Finish Group later in the year.
7. As this piece of work is two-fold, it is suggested that the findings from part of the review relating to the Housing Needs Survey 2022 (HNS) and the associated update relating to the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (AHSPD) which is deemed to be a priority be considered at the first meeting of the Task and Finish Group and subsequently reported direct to the Executive Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS REVELANT TO THIS ITEM		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Fylde Council Constitution	May 2023	CMIS > Constitution /Governance Matters
Minutes - IASC	5 Sept 2023	CMIS > Meetings Calendar

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Attached Documents

Appendix 1 - Scrutiny Review Scoping Template - Affordable Housing