

DRAFT Scrutiny Inquiry Project Outline Template

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW - PROJECT OUTLINE

Review Topic: RENTED HOUSING INSPECTION

Objectives:

To help improve private rented housing conditions in the borough

Desired Outcomes:

To improve housing conditions standards for tenants of private rented property in the Borough

Terms of Reference:

1. To identify the location of the 4100 private rented properties in the borough.
2. To try to identify those landlords in the borough who provide rented accommodation which is below acceptable housing standards
3. To look at inspection schemes, landlord accreditation and other similar schemes in place elsewhere in the north west.
4. To consider whether an inspection regime which is more proactive than just responding to complaints, should be investigated
5. To look at other mechanisms for informing tenants of their rights in relation to reporting poor housing standards to the Council.

Equality and diversity implications:

Risks:

Timescale:

Start: 2 February 2012

Finish: April 2012

Information Requirements and Sources:

Documents/evidence:

DCLG Decency Standards

Witnesses: (who, why?)

Consultation/Research: (what, why, who?)

Scrutiny reviews from other local authorities on this topic

Site Visits: (where, why, when?)

Officer Support:

Lead Officer: Simon Clark

**Democratic &
Member Services Officer: Carol Russell**

Likely Budget Requirements:

Purpose **£**

Total _____

Target Body¹ for Findings/Recommendations

Executive Cabinet

¹ All project outcomes require the approval of Overview and Scrutiny Committee before progressing
