

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director (Communities)	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Thursday, 16 March 2023

Quality of Social Housing - March 2023 update on O&S recommendations

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Savings or expenditure amounting to greater than £100,000	Significant impact on 2 or more council wards
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Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update on the recommendations provided by the O&S Task Group review of the Standards of Social Housing.

Recommendations

2. To assess the recommendations in the governments white paper on social housing standards.
3. To take forward any gaps in recommendations via the Select Move partnership group.

Reasons for recommendations

3. To allow for the publication of the paper to be used as a mechanism to cross reference the areas of improvement recommended by the task group.

Other options considered and rejected

4. To not allow for the publication of the paper to be considered could result in gaps and create duplication.

Corporate priorities

5. The report relates to the following corporate priorities: (Please bold one)

Housing where residents can live well	A green and sustainable borough
An enterprising economy with vibrant local centres in urban and rural areas	Healthy, safe and engaged communities

Background to the report

6. This report is a further update on the recommendations provided by the O&S task group set up in 2018 to look at the quality of social housing.

Climate change and air quality

7. The work noted in this report has does not directly contribute to the Council's Carbon emissions and the wider Climate Emergency and sustainability targets of the Council.

Equality and diversity

8. An equality impact assessment has not been carried out at this stage but would be carried out in the development of the Charter to ensure full consideration has been given.

Risk

9. There is a risk that the quality of housing does not improve for residents if the white paper on standards is not implemented.

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

10. The report is for noting and there are no financial implications arising from this.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer

11. This report is for noting and discussion. Any identified gaps in recommendations are to be referred to the Select Move partnership. There are no concerns from a legal perspective with this report.

Background documents

There are no background papers to this report.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

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