CABINET – 17TH JANUARY 2019

Report of the Overview Scrutiny Group

ITEM 9 TENANCY STRATEGY 2019-2024

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Overview Scrutiny Group in relation to the Council's updated Tenancy Strategy.

Recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group

That the Cabinet be informed that the Group supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing.

Reason

Having considered the report and asked questions of the Lead Member for Housing and the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing on the matter, the Group concluded that it would be appropriate for the Cabinet to approve the recommendations set out in the report.

Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Group, the Lead Member for Housing and the Head of Strategic and Private Sector Housing provided the following responses:

(i) The Group was advised that under the Localism Act there was an option for local authorities and Registered Providers to use fixed term tenancies. The strategy made reference to the guidelines, but the Council had not yet decided whether to adopt the fixed term tenancies as part of their own policy.

(ii) The report was commended for recognising the need to provide affordable housing for residents and the Group was pleased with the way the Council dealt with tenants on an individual basis.

(iii) A separate Tenancy Policy would be presented to Cabinet after consultation had been completed with tenants to get their views.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by the Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Overview Scrutiny Group.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Overview Scrutiny Group Minute 48 2018/19, 14th January 2019
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