

**CABINET MEETING – 17 July 2013**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Scrutiny Committee – Policy Review Final Reports

**Author(s):**

Report of the Scrutiny Committee, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Health Housing and Adult Services.

**Purpose of Report:**

To set out the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee following its scrutiny policy reviews into Empty Properties in Sunderland and Waste and Recycling in Sunderland: Approach to Resident Engagement.

**Description of Decision:**

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee and the proposed Action Plans for their implementation.

**Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? \*Yes**

**If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework**

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

The scrutiny policy review recommendations are intended to inform the future development of policy and practice by Cabinet.

**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

The Scrutiny Committee and its Scrutiny Panels have gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to improve services. There are no alternatives to be considered.

**Impacts analysed;**

Equality  Non Privacy  Non Sustainability  Non Crime and Disorder  Non

**Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? Yes**

**Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions? Yes**

**Scrutiny Committee:**



**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – POLICY REVIEW FINAL REPORTS**

**Report of the Scrutiny Committee, the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Health Housing and Adult Services**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To set out the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee following its scrutiny policy reviews into Empty Properties and Waste and Recycling in Sunderland: Approach to Resident Engagement.

**2. Description of Decision (Recommendations)**

- 2.1 The Cabinet is requested to consider the Scrutiny Committee's policy review final reports and endorse the recommendations contained within the reports.
- 2.2 To assist the Cabinet in its consideration of the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee, a proposed Action Plan for the implementation of these recommendations has been prepared in consultation with the appropriate Portfolio Holders.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 On 7 June 2012, the Scrutiny Committee identified a number of policy review topics based on issues highlighted at the Council's Annual Scrutiny Conference. Each of the Committee's six Scrutiny Panels were commissioned to undertake two short policy reviews during the municipal year
- 3.2 The second round of policy reviews were completed and agreed by the Scrutiny Committee at its meetings of 25 April and 13 May 2013. Three of these reviews were reported to the Cabinet on 19 June 2013. The remaining two policy reviews are submitted to this meeting.

**4 Current Position**

- 4.1 The two policy review reports, together with an Action Plan for the implementation of the recommendations, are attached as an appendix as follows:-
- (a) Health Housing and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel Policy Review – Empty Properties in Sunderland (**Appendix 1a and 1b**); and
  - (b) City Services Scrutiny Panel Policy Review – Waste and Recycling in Sunderland: Approach to Resident Engagement (**Appendix 2a and 2b**)

**5. Reasons for the Decision**

- 5.1 The recommendations are intended to support the future development of policy and practice by the Cabinet.

## **6. Alternative Options**

- 6.1 The Scrutiny Committee and its Scrutiny Panels have gathered detailed evidence and arrived at conclusions and recommendations which are intended to develop policy within the Council. There are no alternatives to be considered.

## **7 Impact Analysis**

### Equalities

- 7.1 Equality issues were addressed during the evidence gathering process and this is reflected in the recommendations.

### Privacy Impact Assessment

- 7.2 The proposals have no immediate additional implications for the protection of privacy of the public. Any privacy issues which arise will be addressed through the delivery of the action planning process.

### Sustainability

- 7.3 The proposals have no immediate implications for sustainability.

### Reduction of Crime & Disorder – Community Cohesion / Social Inclusion

- 7.4 Any crime and disorder issues will be addressed as part of the delivery of the action plan by Members and officers.

## **8. Relevant Considerations / Consultations**

- 8.1 The findings in the report are the result of consultation and evidence gathering by the Scrutiny Committee.

## **9. Background Papers**

Final reports of the City Services Scrutiny Panel and the Health Housing and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.