

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....14th February 2019

1. Title of Item/Report

Place Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the outcomes of the Place Select Committee's review of Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group.

RESOLVED that:

1. Thirteen Housing Group provide an update report to the Place Select Committee in 2019 on the new Neighbourhood Co-ordinator operating model as part of this review's monitoring process, including assurance that the new Co-ordinators are appropriately skilled, trained and supported.
2. Thirteen Housing Group continue to seek positive relationships and strong communication with all Ward Members, and have robust plans in place for Ward Member engagement following the Local Elections in 2019.
3. Whilst acknowledging the restrictions around the national policy approach, the Committee fully support Thirteen Housing Group's commitment to looking at options to convert its future development programme from 'affordable rent' to 'social rent', and request that an update is provided following Thirteen Board's discussions on this.
4. Thirteen Housing Group provide assurance around the process of re-housing Anson House and Hudson House tenants to ensure, as far as possible, that people remain in that locality in the tenure of their choice (if this is their wish).

In relation to Thirteen's decision to withdraw from the CBL scheme

5. Thirteen Housing Group provide assurance that the new Thirteen

digital platform will accommodate the Council's requirements. If this assurance is not possible, Thirteen to provide assurance that it will include an effective interface with the current CBL operating scheme.

6. In order to mitigate additional cost burdens on the Council (including additional staffing requirements to administer the Housing Register and effectively deliver the agreed Nomination Agreement), Thirteen Housing Group provide further assurance around financial support to the Council following their exit from the current CBL scheme.

7. Thirteen Housing Group and the Council work together to ensure commonality on priority bandings in their respective Lettings / Allocation Policies, with the aim of ensuring that the Borough's housing needs are appropriately met. Thirteen to provide the Council with regular (quarterly) updates of the number of lettings, by priority banding, made directly via the Thirteen Lettings Policy.

8. The agreed Nomination Agreement includes a fair and equitable percentage of Thirteen housing stock (including property type, tenure and location).

9. Thirteen Housing Group give an undertaking to work jointly with the Council to ensure consistent communication and messages to residents / customers leading up to and post Thirteen's exit from CBL.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review of Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group which was carried over from the 2017-2018 scrutiny work programme.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal pecuniary interest in respect of agenda item 6 - Place Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group as he was a Director of Thirteen. Councillor Steve Nelson withdrew from the meeting and left the room during consideration of the item.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 23 February 2019

Proper Officer  
19 February 2019