

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF CONSOLIDATION OF THIRTEEN HOUSING GROUP

Summary

Further to their decision to withdraw from the Tees Valley-wide Choice-Based Lettings Scheme, Thirteen Housing Group representatives have been invited to this meeting to enable the Committee to understand this development and consider its impact.

Detail

1. The Choice-Based Lettings Scheme is a partnership of the five Tees Valley Local Authorities and four Registered Housing providers (Thirteen, Coast and Country, North Star and Home), with those seeking affordable / socially rented housing joining the Tees Valley Common Housing Register. In September 2018, Thirteen Housing Group decided to leave this scheme.

In light of this announcement, Thirteen have been asked to provide a response to the following questions:

- Can you explain the rationale / key factors behind Thirteen's decision to withdraw from the Tees Valley Choice-Based Lettings Scheme?
 - When was this decision made and how was this communicated to relevant partners?
 - What are Thirteen's proposals to replace the current Choice-Based Lettings Scheme?
 - When will this be operational?
 - How is this being communicated to relevant partners and prospective tenants?
 - Will a copy of this communication plan be shared with relevant stakeholders?
 - How can Members be satisfied that the new arrangements will serve the people of the Borough as well as, if not better, than the current Choice-Based Lettings Scheme?
2. Attached is a response to the above questions that Thirteen representatives will be presenting, accompanied by two supporting infographics.
 3. Local Authority representatives will also be in attendance to provide comments on this decision from the Council's perspective.

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