

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Summary

Housing Action Teesside will attend the fourth evidence gathering session to present their report "Council Housing in Stockton's Future". In addition, Northern Housing Consortium will be attending to give a presentation regarding best practice in other areas.

Detail

1. Housing Action Teesside (HAT) is a tenants union and housing campaign representing hundreds of tenants from across Teesside who are campaigning for decent, secure and affordable homes. They have submitted a report, "Council Housing in Stockton's Future", attached, for the Committees consideration in the scrutiny review of Affordable Housing. A representative from HAT will be attending the meeting to present the report.
2. The Senior Policy Advisor from Northern Housing Consortium, who were identified in the scope as a key contributor to the review, will also be in attendance to share how other areas and Local Authorities are meeting the challenge of increasing the supply of affordable housing. This will be in the context of Government reforms to deliver more affordable homes.
3. As noted in the minutes of the meeting for 9 September, a review of the current Common Allocations Policy has been carried out and a consultation on the proposed changes is now taking place. All Council members have received notification of the consultation via email, along with a copy of the consultation documents, and these are attached for information.
4. A copy of the scope and plan for this review is also included for information.

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