

Report of the Assistant Director

PRESENTATION BY THE HOUSING OPTIONS SERVICE – PERFORMANCE

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To introduce the presentation by the council’s housing options service.
- 1.2 The presentation relates to the performance of the housing options service across the borough in support of all the council’s priorities.

2 Executive summary

None.

3 Appendices

None.

4 Proposed action:

- 4.1 The committee is invited to RESOLVE to note the presentation, and;**
- 4.2 The committee is invited to discuss issues relating to the performance of the housing options service and identify any matters it RECOMMENDS be reported to relevant policy committees for their attention.**

5 Background

This presentation supports the committee in undertaking its function of reviewing and monitoring the performance of the council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas.

6 Discussion

- 6.1 The committee receives presentations from council officers on the services they manage and deliver.
- 6.2 Each presentation gives members an opportunity to learn more about the work of the team and its impact on the borough. After the presentation there is a chance to ask questions of the presenter.
- 6.3 If any items of significance arise, members may wish to request a further report from a relevant officer or make a recommendation for action by a policy committee.
- 6.4 The council’s housing options service delivers the homelessness and housing allocations functions on behalf of the council. The relevant corporate performance targets focus on meeting statutory homelessness targets, prevention of homelessness and meeting housing needs. In addition, the performance culture embedded within the team has sought to achieve additional outcomes to these corporate targets, which will be shared with committee.

7 Legal powers

The Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001 empower the council to establish one or more overview and scrutiny committees. Whilst the council no longer has a designated overview and scrutiny committee, the Partnerships and Performance Committee has been given the role of reviewing and monitoring the performance of council services and services provided on behalf of the council by external bodies. A local authority may invite persons other than members or officers of the authority to attend meetings of such a committee.

8 Financial and value for money implications

There are no such implications arising directly from this report. However, effective review is one of the means by which the council secures effective use of its resources.

9 Risk analysis

A risk table is usually completed for any report setting out a proposed course of action that entails risks at the outset of the project or if the risks change along the way. This is not relevant in respect of this report.

10 Implications for resources, stronger and safer communities, and equalities

There are no direct implications arising directly from this report.

11 Author and contact officer

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12 Consultees

None.

13 Background papers

There are no background papers to this report.