

Report of the Assistant Director

PRESENTATION BY GREATWELL HOMES

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To introduce the presentation by Greatwell Homes in relation to the work carried out in the borough.

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 work of Greatwell Homes and identify any matters it RECOMMENDS be reported to relevant policy committees for their attention.

5 Background

This presentation forms part of the general programme for the Partnerships and Performance Committee, reviewing the work of partners.

6 Discussion

- 6.1 The committee receives presentations from organisations who are either funded by the council, or who play an important part in the life of the borough.
- 6.2 Each presentation gives members an opportunity to learn more about the organisation 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 Greatwell Homes will be able to update the committee on recent activity including:
- how the organisation has adapted during the Covid-19 pandemic,
 - the achievements made in helping the council with Temporary Accommodation,
 - current housing developments

7 Legal powers

- 7.1 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

Joint work with Greatwell Homes helps the council to meet its strategic needs, such as the reduction in numbers of homeless, a reduction in antisocial behaviour and vandalism, whilst effective preventative work can improve lives and avoid costly prosecution cases.

9 Risk analysis

There is a risk that if partnership work is not delivered as intended, outputs will not be met. This is mitigated by regular reviews, and presentations to committee.

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

Strategic partnerships with registered housing providers, as well as with the voluntary and community sector, contribute towards the council's priorities, offering support in the community to help individuals and communities to help themselves.

11 Author and contact officer

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12 Consultees

None.

13 Background papers

There are no background papers to this report.