

**BUSINESS SUPPORT
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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**SIX-MONTHLY REVIEW OF STRATEGIC HOUSING
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

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Summary

This report provides an update on the Housing Improvement plan.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The recommendation contained in this report is within the budget and policy framework.
- 1.2 The Committee is asked to accept this as an urgent item to enable the views of Overview and Scrutiny to be forwarded to Cabinet, which is discussing this report on 16 December 2008.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 15 July 2008, the Cabinet agreed the improvement plan for the housing service. That improvement plan was brought before Business Support Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 15 September 2008.
- 2.2 The plan before members is the up to date version, which is monitored by an officer steering group on a three weekly basis. It is now a risk based plan in order that the higher risk areas can be prioritised for completion.

3. Monitoring

- 3.1 Members agreed to monitor three specific targets from the improvement plan, and to monitor the plan as a whole. In relation to the specific targets, these are set out below and progress on these is set out in the improvement plan:-

“48. Set and meet challenging targets to complete the statutory licensing of homes in multiple occupation”

“65. Measure the length of time households spend in temporary accommodation and set challenging targets to minimise the length of stay”

“68. Work with private sector to increase the supply of accommodation”

4. Financial and legal implications

- 4.1 There are no financial or legal implications to this report. However the implementation of the actions will themselves have legal and financial implications.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1. That Members note the progress on the improvement plan and the indicators they asked to monitor.

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Background papers

Strategic Housing Improvement Plan adopted by Cabinet on 15 July 2008