

Topic Request Form

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Please complete the first section of this form to request that a topic is considered by the Policy and Performance Improvement Committee. Please send the completed form to Helen Brandham		
Section 1: Member Request		
Proposed topic	Standard of Social Housing for residents	
I would like to understand (key lines of enquiry)	<p>I would like to gain a clearer understanding of our 'Empty Home Standard' and the general condition of homes that are deemed suitable to be handed over to those successful in the bidding process. What procedure is in place between a tenant leaving and a new tenant taking over the tenancy.</p> <p>What is the standard and do we meet that standard all of the time or just some of the time? Are gardens taken into consideration? Are we able to support the new national initiative in leaving carpets in place after cleaning?</p>	
I think this topic should be considered because	<p>2 recent examples I have dealt with a tenant taking over a flat with a 29yr old kitchen in place, a relative was told that it wasn't ready for replacement.</p> <p>A large badly overgrown garden was handed over to a tenant with 'issues', it is still in the same condition as the tenant isn't capable of addressing the problem.</p> <p>I think examining this topic is will hopefully lead to a higher standard of housing and would play a part, hopefully in improving our service, resulting in the offer of a higher standard of housing, whilst questioning our performance.</p>	
(if applicable) High level evidence supporting the reason for consideration	<p>See above</p> <p>We've recently had bad press in the Newark Advertiser as a resident was given a flat in a very poor and dirty condition. We need to learn from this very embarrassing incident.</p>	
Proposed by (name of member)	Penny Rainbow	Ward:Southwell Party: Conservative
Seconded by (name of member)	Linda Dales	Ward; Collingham Party:Conservative
Date form is submitted	05.06.23	
Section 2: Officer Recommendation		
Officer comment	<p>This is a request to scrutinise the performance of social housing provision by the council and it should be noted that there are two separate issues and services included here. Namely a.) the relet of council properties (a housing HRA function) and b.) the let of</p>	

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	<p>temporary accommodation to those that are homeless (a council GF service).</p> <p>The specific issues highlighted regarding the letting of temporary accommodation are currently under investigation by the service, led by the Director and it is recommended that this is not examined whilst this process is undertaken, however it could be asked that a report is brought at a later time explaining the agreed standards for temporary accommodation and improvements made to ensure the quality of temporary accommodation is met.</p> <p>There is some work about to commence on the process for reletting properties, including the appropriate steps that should be taken and where responsibility for this process lies. It will include examination to determine if robust checks and performance measures are in place. Before this work begins it would be reasonable for PPIC to debate this and feed into the scope of the work to ensure that all the factors they would like examining are looked at and to suggest what performance measures they would want considering enabling ongoing monitoring. They could also request that the TEB (Tenant Engagement Board) is involved in this work to ensure the tenant voice is part of the decision making.</p> <p>As PPIC are the body responsible for the scrutiny of the council, its performance it would be appropriate for input from members into the scope of the work and a report to be brought back to PPIC on the outcome of this work.</p>	
Officer recommendation	For the topic to be discussed at PPIC giving opportunity for members to input into the scope of the work above.	
Officer name	Deborah Johnson	Role: Director – Customer Services & Organisational Development
Date information added	09.06.23	
Section 3: PPI Chair Recommendation		
PPI Chair comment	I welcome members being able to debate and feed into the work of officers on ensuring standards at the point of re-let of our housing stock are met, monitored, and reported on.	
PPI Chair recommendation	A working group is not required but this is something which the committee should feed into in terms of scope and a report brought back on the outcome of the officers work.	
Date information added	14.06.23	Role: Cllr Mike Pringle Chair of PPIC
Next step		
Completed form to be taken to PPI on [DATE]		