

Report to Policy and Performance Improvement Committee Meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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<b>Report Summary</b>	
<b>Report Title</b>	Presentation by the Portfolio Holder for Housing
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	Update on role of the Portfolio Holder for Housing
<b>Recommendations</b>	That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee: a) note the contents of the report.

## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 At the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee (PPIC) meeting held on 29 January 2024, Members agreed a process for Portfolio Holders to be invited to meetings of the Committee. This enabled the Portfolio Holder to brief the Committee on their remit and current and future plans and projects. It would also offer the Committee opportunity to ask focussed questions of the Portfolio Holder. This process ran from March 2024 to March 2025.
- 1.2 At the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Members agreed to a change in the process for Portfolio Holders attending Committee.
- 1.3 The new change in process requested that Portfolio Holders report back on ‘specific areas’ of their Portfolio, which will be requested by the Committee. Portfolio Holders are asked to produce a short report in answer to these specific areas. They will present back to the Committee and then take questions.

## **2.0 Proposal/Options Considered**

- 2.1 This report relates to the Portfolio Holder for Housing Cllr Lee Brazier

The Committee has requested information on:

1. In light of the performance on time taken for housing repairs and turnaround of empty properties remaining well below target despite the restructuring of the Housing Team, what further measures do you intend to take to improve performance and meet these targets? When can we expect the targets to be met once again and please confirm that you will not be reducing the targets to make them easier to meet?
2. Members are aware that the Regulator of Social Housing is due to inspect the Council's housing service shortly. Can the Portfolio Holder outline how the Council is preparing for this inspection, what the inspection will focus on, and what it means for residents, members, and staff at this stage?
3. As the Council continues to plan for Local Government Reorganisation, can the Portfolio Holder explain how housing services will be protected during the transition, and how the Council will ensure that tenants remain central to decision making throughout this process?

### **3.0 Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendation's, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- **Full Council Report 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022** – Proposals for the new governance arrangements.
- **PPIC Report 29 January 2024** - Attendance by Portfolio Holders to Future Meetings of the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee
- **PPIC Report 14 April 2025**- Attendance by Portfolio Holders to Future Meetings of the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee