

APPENDIX B – HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER (DECEMBER 2024)

Meeting	Item	Action	Action by	Status
16 th July 24	Deputations	Members noted the good work being done by the Disability Advisory Panel of the Council in relation to identifying issues of concern and seeking service improvements for people with disabilities. Members also asked that officers provide a briefing note to the scrutiny committee regarding the current service offer for all people with disabilities, and how this could be improved going forward.	Director of Housing and Director of Property Management	Housing and Property Management have a number of measures in place to ensure their services are accessible to people with disabilities. This includes maintaining a record of ‘enhanced tenants’ to help us understand household needs, person-centred fire risk assessments, and the use of British Sign Language interpreters. To ensure we are doing as much as possible to improve our services, we are reviewing how personal factors and situations (or ‘vulnerabilities’) can be captured and how services can respond to these. This is an extensive piece of work and will involve teams across the Council. Housing and Property services will also be using this review to feed into the wider Equalities Strategy being produced by the Equalities team next year. The committee will be updated on progress as it is made.
12 th Nov 24	Deputations	The meeting asked that officers provide a response to the deputation regarding the questions they	Director of Property Management	A response will be provided to those who made the deputation.

		asked in their deputation statement.		
12 th Nov 24	Housing Transformation Programme Update	Officers would provide information regarding the Relational Practice Model and the staff training programme when the information was available	Director of Housing (ES)	In progress
12 th Nov 24	Neighbourhoods – Housing Update	Officers would provide an update regarding the tenancy visits once the programme was underway.	Director of Housing (MJ)	In progress
12 th Nov 24	Update on Rough Sleeping Review	Officers would ensure that information on the Cold Weather Shelter initiative was shared with rough sleepers and agencies working with rough sleepers to that they were aware of this initiative	Director of Housing (SM)	Our outreach team have this information and have shared with third sector partners. We have also informed our out of hours homelessness service.

12 th Nov 24	Cabinet Member Better Homes	Officers would provide information regarding the family friendly acquisition programme in relation to the number of bedrooms gained from this programme	Director of Property Management	<p>As of October 2024, the programme has yielded the following results:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1205 300 1832 603"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1205 300 1536 400">Results</th> <th data-bbox="1536 300 1700 400">No.</th> <th data-bbox="1700 300 1832 400">Bed spaces</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 400 1536 469">Homes sold</td> <td data-bbox="1536 400 1700 469">7</td> <td data-bbox="1700 400 1832 469">30</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 469 1536 537">Homes purchased</td> <td data-bbox="1536 469 1700 537">11</td> <td data-bbox="1700 469 1832 537">44</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 537 1536 603">Total</td> <td data-bbox="1536 537 1700 603">+4</td> <td data-bbox="1700 537 1832 603">+14</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="1205 619 1832 820"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1205 619 1693 820">Net saving in investment need, i.e. the reduction in costs to the Council by releasing high-cost properties and buying back better, family sized, homes.</td> <td data-bbox="1693 619 1832 820">£2.63M</td> </tr> </table>	Results	No.	Bed spaces	Homes sold	7	30	Homes purchased	11	44	Total	+4	+14	Net saving in investment need, i.e. the reduction in costs to the Council by releasing high-cost properties and buying back better, family sized, homes.	£2.63M
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