

HOUSING & NEW HOMES COMMITTEE

Explanatory Note

This Committee has overall responsibility for the Council's housing functions, including Council housing, homelessness, allocations and standards of housing in the area.

Delegated functions

1. To discharge the Council's functions as a housing authority and, without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph, to discharge the specific functions set out in the following paragraphs.

2. Strategic and Private Sector Housing

To discharge the Council's functions in relation to:

- (a) The Council's housing strategy;
- (b) Homelessness and the allocation of housing;
- (c) Private sector housing, including taking action to remedy overcrowding, disrepair, unfitness and statutory nuisances; to promote fire safety in private sector housing and the Council's functions in relation to houses in multiple occupation;
- (d) Tenancy relations and the provision of housing advice;
- (e) Housing loans and grants.

3. Housing Landlord Functions

To discharge the Council's functions as a housing landlord including the management (including demolition) of property within the Housing Revenue Account and associated properties.

4. Housing Related Support Services

To exercise the Council's functions for the commissioning of housing related support services.

5. Street homelessness

To coordinate the Council's policies and actions with a view to reducing and eliminating street homelessness and, in conjunction with the Policy & Resources Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board, to ensure that appropriate action is taken.

6. Authorised and unauthorised sites and encampments

To exercise the Council's functions in relation to the management of authorised and unauthorised sites and encampments, this to include all activities necessary or incidental to the Council's performance of its responsibilities in relation to the following:

- a) Gypsies, Roma and Travellers;
- b) Van dwellers.