

Subject:	Annual Report 2019		
Date of Meeting:	19 June 2019		
Report of:	Executive Director Neighbourhoods, Communities & Housing		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

1.1 The Annual Report has been provided to council tenants and leaseholders since 2010. The regulatory framework for social housing in England from the Regulator for Social Housing, sets out the requirements for the areas that must be covered in the report, these include:

- Information on the repairs and maintenance budget
- Timely and relevant information
- Support for tenants to build capacity and be more effectively involved.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the Housing & New Homes Committee approves the draft Annual Report 2019 to council tenants and leaseholders (attached as Appendix 1). The final version of the report will be sent to all residents with the summer edition of Homing In and will also be available to view on the council's website.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The annual report contains key performance and other information for the financial year 2018/19. We have included performance figures for how we have been doing in key areas such as building new homes, gas safety compliance, rent collection, your carbon footprint and improving our housing website.

3.2 The style of the 2019 report is similar to the previous year's, with some changes to keep it fresh. Each section highlights developments over the past year, and looks ahead to plans for the coming year.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 An easy to view video will also be produced to provide residents with an alternative way of accessing the annual report.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 A draft text version of this report went to Area Panels in June 2019. Any feedback from these meetings will be incorporated into this year's report if possible, or will be noted for future editions.
- 5.2 A draft designed copy of the annual report was discussed at the Homing In Editorial Board on Friday 31 May.

6. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 6.1 All costs of producing and delivering the annual report are met from current budget resources within the HRA. As this is sent out with Homing-In, costs are kept to a minimum. Most of the cost relates to staff time with some extra print and design costs estimated at £1,500.

Finance Officer Consulted: Monica Brooks

Date: 28/5/2019

Legal Implications:

- 6.2 The Tenant Involvement and Empowerment Standard imposed by the Regulator for Social Housing, previously the Homes and Communities Agency, requires the provision of timely and relevant performance information to support effective scrutiny by tenants of their landlord's performance in a form which registered providers seek to agree with their tenants. Such provision must include the publication of an annual report which should include information on repair and maintenance budgets. The Annual report satisfies this requirement.

Lawyer Consulted: Liz Woodley

Date: 29/05/2019

Equalities Implications:

- 6.3 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 6.4 There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 6.5 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 6.6 There are no direct risk and opportunity implications arising from this report.

Public Health Implications:

- 6.7 There are no direct public health implications arising from this report.

Corporate or Citywide Implications:

6.8 There are no direct corporate or city wide implications arising from this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Draft Annual Report 2019

Background Documents:

None

