

Subject:	Report of the Scrutiny Panel on Short Term Holiday Lets (Party Houses)		
Date of Meeting:	20 October 2014		
Report of:	The Assistant Chief Executive		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 In July 2013 Cllr Geoffrey Bowden requested that a scrutiny panel be established to look at issues relating to 'party houses' – short term holiday lets targeting large groups such as stag and hen parties.
- 1.2 A panel was established with Cllr Bowden chairing alongside Cllrs Jayne Bennett and Alan Robins. The panel report is included as **Appendix 1** to this report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the OSC endorses the scrutiny panel report on Short Term Holiday Lets (**Appendix 1**) and refer it on for consideration by the appropriate policy committee(s)

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Please refer to the scrutiny panel report (**Appendix 1**)

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 OSC members could choose not to endorse the scrutiny panel report.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Please refer to the scrutiny panel report (**Appendix 1**)

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Members are asked to endorse the scrutiny panel report (**Appendix 1**) which has been agreed by panel members after extensive consultation with short term holiday let operators, council and key partner services and local residents.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The financial implications of the recommendations from the scrutiny panel will be assessed in the context of the Council's budget strategy when the recommendations are considered by the policy committees.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 29/01/14

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 Once OSC has agreed its recommendations based on the work of the scrutiny panel, it must prepare a formal report and submit it to the council's Chief Executive for consideration at the relevant decision-making body.
- 7.3 If OSC cannot agree on one single final report, up to one minority report may be prepared and submitted for consideration by the relevant policy committee with the majority report.

Lawyer Consulted:

Oliver Dixon

Date: 29/01/14

Equalities Implications:

- 7.4 Equalities issues are addressed in the scrutiny panel report (**Appendix 1**)

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.5 None identified

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.6 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Report of the Short Term Holiday Lets Scrutiny Panel

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None