

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Temporary Accommodation

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Purpose

To introduce a report, by the Service Manager Economic Growth and Regeneration, which was presented to Cabinet on the 8th October in respect of work undertaken to improve performance against the approved indicator relating to the average length of time spent in temporary accommodation.

Recommendation(s)

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- 1) Consider, ask questions and comment on the information provided**
- 2) Identify any areas that require additional information**

1 Background

- 1.1 During the July discussion of the Quarter 4 and the year-end performance report members asked for additional information relating to the provision, cost and time spent in temporary accommodation. Particular concern was expressed regarding the average length of time spent in temporary accommodation (in weeks) at 23.7 against a target of 8 weeks. (The target for this indicator has since been increased to 15 weeks)
- 1.2 Members were informed that the lack of affordable property had a direct impact on the overall length of stay in temporary accommodation and that changes resulting from the findings of the consultation on housing allocations policy may help to address this issue. The report to Cabinet includes information about work to improve the supply of temporary accommodation and increase the supply of permanent accommodation is

attached at **Appendix 1**.

- 1.3 Joelle Davies (Service Manager for Economic Growth and Regeneration) and Paul Whitworth (Housing and Welfare Support Manager) will attend the meeting to assist members discuss this issue.

2 Financial Implications

- 2.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

3 Legal Implications

- 3.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

4 Equalities Implications

- 4.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

5 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

- 5.1 There are no carbon reduction implications arising from this report.

6 Appendices

- 6.1 Cabinet Report, Temporary Accommodation.