DECISION-MAKER:	SCRUTINY PANEL A		
SUBJECT:	INQUIRY - DRAFT FINAL REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	8th May 2014		
REPORT OF:	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
None

BRIEF SUMMARY

At the concluding meeting of the Maintaining balanced neighbourhoods through planning review, Scrutiny Panel A are requested to discuss, amend and approve a final version of the draft report attached as Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION:

(i)   That the Panel discuss, amend and agree a final version of the draft final report attached as Appendix 1.

(ii)   That, to enable the comments made by Scrutiny Panel members at the meeting to be incorporated into the final report, authority be delegated to the Assistant Chief Executive to amend the final report, following consultation with the Chair of Scrutiny Panel A.

(iii)   That the Chair of Scrutiny Panel A presents the final report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 12th June 2014.

REASON FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1.   To enable a final report to be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) for consideration at the 12 June meeting.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2.   None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3.   Over the course of 6 meetings the Scrutiny Panel has received information from a wide range of people relating to the contribution planning can make to maintaining balanced neighbourhoods and the quality of life for their residents. The meetings have focused on the following areas:

- The City Council's Article 4 and HMOs Supplementary Planning Document

- The Council's approach to planning enforcement
- Understanding the various Government proposals to relax permitted development rights
- Neighbourhood Planning.

4. The draft recommendations, contained within Appendix 1, have been sent to the key stakeholders who provided evidence to the Inquiry. Comments generated from this consultation process will be reported to the Panel at the meeting.

5. The Panel is now invited to consider the attached draft document and approve a final report for submission to the OSMC in June 2014.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

6. In practice any future resource implications arising from this review will be dependent upon whether, and how, each of the individual recommendations within the Inquiry report are progressed by the Executive. More detailed work will need to be undertaken by the Executive in considering its response to each of the recommendations set out in the Inquiry report.

Property/Other

7. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

8. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Other Legal Implications:

9. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

10. Implementation of the recommendations of the scrutiny review may contribute to the following priorities within the Council Plan:
- Making the city more attractive and sustainable
- Encouraging new house building and improving existing homes
- Helping individuals and communities to work together and to help themselves.

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Maintaining balanced neighbourhoods through planning review – Draft final report

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None	

Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	

Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	