

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY PANEL A RECOMMENDATIONS – MAINTAINING BALANCED NEIGHBOURHOODS THROUGH PLANNING		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	21 OCTOBER 2014		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>
None

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

Between November 2013 and June 2014, a Scrutiny enquiry was conducted regarding Balanced Neighbourhoods. The results were presented to Cabinet on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2014. This report presents Cabinet's responses to the recommendations.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) To receive and approve the proposed responses to the recommendations of Scrutiny Panel A, attached as Appendix 2.

### **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The overview and scrutiny rules in part 4 of the Council's Constitution requires the Executive to consider all inquiry reports that have been endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, and to submit a formal response to the recommendations within them.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

- 2.. None.

### **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

3. On 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee agreed the indicative terms of reference for an Inquiry examining the contribution that planning can make to maintaining balanced neighbourhoods. The set objectives of the Inquiry were:
  - To review how effectively the City Council's Article 4 and HMOs Supplementary Planning Document is working
  - To increase understanding of the various Government proposals to relax permitted development rights, including those relating to extensions and office-to-residential conversions, and to consider whether a local response should be developed

- To consider the Council's approach to planning enforcement
4. The Inquiry was undertaken by Scrutiny Panel A with information presented to 6 meetings from November 2013 to May 2014. The final report was approved by OSMC on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and is attached as Appendix 1.
  5. The recommendations are grouped under the following key themes:
    - Houses in Multiple Occupancy
    - Planning Enforcement
    - Permitted Development Rights
    - Community-Led Planning
  6. The recommendations contained within the final report are summarised as Appendix 2, with proposed actions set out against each recommendation.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital/Revenue**

7. The resource implications are discussed in relation to each recommendation, where applicable.

### **Property/Other**

8. None.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

9. The responses require the exercise of a range of statutory powers, primarily under Town & Country Planning legislation.

### **Other Legal Implications:**

10. None.

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

11. The proposals contained within the appended report are in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework.

KEY DECISION? Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices**

1.	Final Report – Scrutiny Panel A Inquiry
2.	Schedule of Recommendations and Proposed Responses

**Documents In Members’ Rooms**

1.	None
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**Equality Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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**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	
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