

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**21 SEPTEMBER
2010**

RESPONSE FROM CABINET – 24 JUNE 2010

POLICY REVIEW – ACCESS TO HOUSING

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, HOUSING AND ADULT SERVICES
AND THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP1: Prosperous City, SP5 Attractive City

**CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services,
CIO4: Improving Partnership Working to Deliver 'One City'.**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide feedback from the Cabinet meeting held on 24 June 2010, which considered the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee's policy report into local studies service provision in Sunderland.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The investigation into access to housing in Sunderland conducted by the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee falls under the remit of the Director Health, Housing and Adult Services and is, within the service area covered by the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Communities.
- 2.2 On 24 June 2010, Cabinet considered the Final Report of the Committee. This report provides feedback from the Portfolio Holder following the Cabinet's consideration of, and decisions in relation to this Committee's recommendations.
- 2.3 The purpose of the review was to investigate current practice and policies regarding access to social housing in Sunderland and suggest ways in which improvement could be made.
- 2.4 Following on from this report, progress towards completion of the actions will be monitored through the Action Plan, with standardised six monthly monitoring reports to be presented to the Committee.

3. RESPONSE FROM CABINET TO THE POLICY REVIEW

- 3.1 Following consideration of the Final Report, Cabinet approved the recommendations in their entirety. Details of each recommendation and proposed actions to be taken following approval by Cabinet are provided in the Action Plan attached at **Appendix A**.

3.2 Cabinet commended and congratulated the Committee and its officers for their hard work in undertaking the policy review and additional work.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That Members note the proposed actions detailed within the Action Plan, appended to this report (**Appendix A**) and seek clarification on its content where felt appropriate.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

5.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Cabinet Agenda, 24 June 2010.

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