

Attractive and Inclusive Thematic Action Plan for West Area: Invest more in housing programmes
Action Progress

Annex 2
Next Steps

Priority 1 Bring empty properties back into use			
Health, Housing and Adults Individual Area Action plans (with targets) to be developed regarding empty properties across all areas in the City		Empty Property Action Plan currently in development, which will set targets for each area	Completion of Action Plan and report targets and progress to Area Committee
Health, Housing and Adults Provide a report regarding the links between empty homes and ASB		Report has been completed and is being referred to Scrutiny due to these concerns being expressed at all Area Committees. Report back attached as Annex 2a	Report back to Area Committee following appropriate Scrutiny Committee
Health, Housing and Adults Consider additional resources to enable more work to tackle the 410 empty properties in the area and to carry out more proactive work		This is included in the above report	Action as above
Priority 2: Address lack of parking provision in some residential areas			
Council, Gentoo Highlight hotspots of illegal/inconsiderate parking and develop proposals to tackle the problem		Meeting with the Traffic and Road Safety Team has taken place, which has highlighted a number of issues: traffic management budget is for accident reduction, congestion, air quality and access; loss of open space - need for planning permission; increased permeable area- increased risk of flooding, need for planning permission; change of use may require strengthening works for utilities	Incorporate within the 'improving residential areas' work plan. Consideration to include options to provide vehicular crossings in the footway-
Priority 3: make estates/residential areas more attractive			
City Services, TPCT Identify capacity in community facilities to enhance wellness provision		Due to significant staff re-structures no progress has been made	To be progressed with progress to be reported in January
City Services Receive an application to enable all current outstanding highway and carriageway works to be carried out		This is currently in development	To be incorporated into the overall plan/proposals for neighbourhood improvements

OCX, City Services, Gentoo Develop a programme of neighbourhood improvements, with full community engagement		This is currently being developed and there will be a presentation to November committee of the options available	Following the presentation and an indication of priorities, further work will be undertaken and a report and possible funding options will be presented at the January meeting
Groudworks Develop Green Team proposal		This is currently being developed by Groundwork as a multi area SIB proposal	The intention is to submit the bid to the January meeting. Consultation on it will take place throughout November and December
Priority 4: Improve landlord's licensing and take measures to prevent disrepair			
Health, Housing and Adult Services Explore providing a more proactive enforcement service in a small pilot area to determine the impact it would have on the education of the community with regard to housing conditions and the decent homes standard and its impact on the level of complaints received		This is to be included in the report to Scrutiny Committee	Update to future Area Committee after consideration by Scrutiny
Health, Housing and Adult Services Market the landlord's Accreditation Scheme		There are limited powers to vet and regulate the Private Rented Sector. There are currently 228 landlords who are members of the voluntary accreditation scheme, which is actively pursued across the city	This will be reported to Scrutiny Committee within the overall 'Empty Properties' report and further reported back to Area Committee
Health, Housing and Adult Services Engage with the Private Landlords' Forum		This is an ongoing commitment	To continue this process
Health, Housing and Adult Services Investigate the scope for further collaborative working to increase the use of the Empty Property Officer		Environmental Enforcement Officers now undertake the enforcement of rubbish and detritus nuisance, which is often a result of an empty property. This frees up the Empty Property Officer to concentrate on property issues	Further developments will be reported to committee