

Bolsover District Council

Executive

16 June 2014

Housing Quarterly Report

Report of the Head of Housing (Portfolio Holder: Cllr K Reid)

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To ensure members are kept informed about developments in the Housing Service.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 This report covers the period of the fourth quarter in the 2013/14 financial year, and is accompanied by a statistical appendix showing performance of the period. In addition there are other matters to make members aware
- 1.2 Stock Condition Survey – the survey has now been completed and suggests investment of around £125million is needed of the 30 year life of the business plan. Whereas previous investment has focussed on ensuring properties met the Decent homes Standard, there is now the need to look at other requirements including new heating and replacement roof. A revised capital programme will be presented at a future meeting.
- 1.3 Cresta properties – members will be recall that the Housing Department has agreed to manage a small number of properties on behalf of Cresta (Groundwork Creswell trading arm). The first of these should be let from early June.
- 1.4 Rent Convergence – Members will be aware of recent consultation regarding the governments proposals to change the rent setting policy for social housing. The results of consultation have been announced, and appear to include only minor changes from the original proposal. In light of this a new rent setting policy will be developed and produced for a future meeting.
- 1.5 Supporting People – There are ongoing discussions with DCC regarding the future funding of services. DCC are about to launch round two of the consultation, this impacts directly on warden services, once available a more detailed briefing report will be prepared and a response sought from members. Discussions are ongoing regarding the alarm monitoring project.
- 1.6` Repairs – The new planning roles introduced as part of the restructure have been introduced into the repairs office, this will free more resources for inspections and

staff supervision. Other posts impacted by the restructure are currently being evaluated.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 To note the comments

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 Not applicable, as this is a progress report.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not applicable

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

Further reports will be brought to Executive concerning both the outcome of the Stock Condition Survey and the implications of rent convergence. These will provide an analysis of the associated financial impact.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

Not applicable

5.3 Human Resources Implications

Not applicable

6 Recommendations

6.1 That the comments in the report, and the performance in the appendix are noted.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None	
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Report Reference –