

Bolsover District Council

Executive

1 December 2014

Housing Department – Quarterly Update

Report of Cllr K Reid, the Portfolio Holder for Housing

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To inform members of performance within the Housing Department.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 This report should be read alongside the statistical appendix.
- 1.2 The information in the statistical appendix has been altered from previous versions; this was done in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Housing and Regeneration through the Housing Stock Group. The main change involves the way that repairs performance data is reported, this now separates data into priority and shows that both emergency and appointed repairs are performing well, but less urgent works less well. However, as much of this work is external periods of poor weather have more impact.
- 1.3 The Council have been successful in gaining a property closure order against a tenanted property in South Normanton. This was occupied by a young adult who was victimised by a group of people who initially befriended him, and caused nuisance to neighbours. The closure order was the first to be granted under new powers contained within the ASB Police and Crime Act, and one of the first in the Country.
- 1.4 The department is working with others in bringing forward sites for new build council properties. The initial site has been identified at a former garage site at Rogers Avenue in Creswell. The Stage 1 report has been completed and reported back to the Corporate Asset Management Group, this confirmed the site was viable. The Stage 2 report will provide more detail, consider an indicative layout and outline planning permission and produce a more detailed design for the site access. The design and build work will be tendered through the Efficiency East Midlands (EEM) framework and work has started gathering expressions of interest.
- 1.5 We are currently out to tender for the Stores, which is currently operated by Travis Perkins. This has been tendered through a framework agreement for a 5 year

period with an option to extend for 2 further periods of 5 years. This will be subject to a more detailed report to a future meeting.

1.6 The Capital programme, as monitored by the Housing Stock Group continues to run as planned. In particular the door programme is well underway, all properties with an external door should have a new door before the end of the financial year.

1.7 The department should be launching a new on-line mutual exchange scheme early in the new year. The system allows people to register their details on an on-line database and search for matches in an area they chose to live. This will also help tenants who want to move to other areas of the country, and people from outside who wish to swap into the area.

1.8 Staffing Issues.

a. Andrew Clark has been appointed to the new roles of Operational Repairs Manager

b., Housing Needs Officers have moved areas – the new areas are:

- Bolsover – Rob Farnsworth
- Clowne – Angela Smith
- Shirebrook – Margaret Langthorne
- South Normanton – Lisa Evans

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 For members to note the contents of this report.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 Not applicable

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not applicable

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

None arising from this report.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

None arising from this report.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

None arising from this report.

6 **Recommendations**

6.1 That the report is 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	
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
1	Statistical Appendix.
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)	
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