

## HOUSING TASK GROUP UPDATE – 15 NOVEMBER 2022

### Executive Summary

#### Affordable Housing Delivery Update

The delivery of affordable properties as part of the Sheerwater regeneration was reviewed. The Group also discussed working with private developers to encourage the inclusion of affordable housing as part of developments.

Officers updated Members on the status of a number of affordable and social housing developments that were being built throughout the Borough.

#### Housing Services Update

Members were updated on the continued mobilisation of services following the decision to bring them in-house from New Vision Homes. Reflecting the increased pressures on households due to the cost-of-living crisis Housing Services had continued to work with residents to help manage rent payments.

#### Homes for Ukraine Update

Following the invasion of Ukraine, the Government setup a scheme to facilitate the arrival of Ukrainian refugees. The Group discussed the progress of the scheme to date and recognised the speed and amount of work that officers had so far undertaken.

Work was continuing to be done to ensure that both hosts and guests were supported in the coming months.

#### Empty Homes Plan: Executive Report

The Empty Homes Plan was reviewed by Members. The report had incorporated discussions that had been held at previous meetings of the Housing Task Group along with the results of a public consultation that was held.

### Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

**RESOLVE That**

the report be noted

The Committee has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

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**Background Papers:** None.

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