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Dear Sarah

Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee Meeting – 3rd December 2014

Thank you for attending the above committee with your colleagues. Members wish to pass on their best wishes to Councillor Elsmore and we hope that she is feeling better soon.

This letter captures the agreed recommendations, comments and observations of the Committee with regard to the draft Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2015-16, proposed amendments to the Housing Allocations Scheme and proposals re 150 Thornhill Road, which are set out below. All of these are pre-decision items and I therefore ask that you ensure that this letter is attached to the relevant Cabinet Papers so that the Cabinet can bear our comments in mind when considering whether to approve the recommendations for these items.

Draft Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2015-16

Members thank officers for ensuring that this item was available for pre-decision scrutiny. Overall, Members are content with the Plan and welcome the new format, which is more accessible and readable whilst imparting more information. Given the information contained regarding the Housing Partnership Programme, Members are content to not receive a separate briefing on this, which was previously scheduled for January 2015.

Members accept officers' assurances that the assumptions underpinning the Plan are robust. Members note that the repayment timeline for the prudential borrowing required for the buy-out from the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy system is yet to be determined and will depend on negotiations with HM Treasury.

Members also note the tension between wishing to ensure new build social housing assists in developing balanced and sustainable communities whilst at the same time needing to meet the requirements of the Local Development Plan, in particular regarding density requirements.

Amendments to the Housing Allocations Scheme

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