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## **HOMELESSNESS/HOUSING STRATEGY ACTION PLANS – PROGRESS REPORT**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To consider progress on implementation of the housing strategy and homelessness action plans.

### **2 BEST VALUE ACTION PLANS**

- 2.1 A function of Overview and Scrutiny Committees is to oversee progress on implementation of action plans arising out of Best Value reviews.
- 2.2 The action plans from the Homelessness and Housing Advice and Housing Strategy reviews were approved in February 2002. A six month progress report was made to this Committee in July 2002.
- 2.3 Comments on current progress are contained in the final column of the action plans, which are to follow.

### **3 FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS**

- 3.1 In the period since the reviews were completed there have been a number of developments which will require the action plans to be reviewed, for example, the requirements to produce a homelessness strategy and a private sector renewal policy, both by July this year. Also, guidance has been issued on the criteria for “fit for purpose” housing strategies and it is possible that Comprehensive Performance Assessment guidance will be issued to District Councils on balancing housing markets if, indeed, that inspection theme is retained.
- 3.2 The Audit Commission has just advised that it will be carrying out an inspection in April of the Best Value Reviews of Housing Strategy and Housing Management that were completed early in 2002.

### **4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The current action plans require the use of capital and revenue expenditure for which budget provision has been made.

### **5 RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee notes the progress being made on the implementation of the action plans.

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**Background Papers:**

None

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