

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 26 November 2024

Decision No: (CAB 24/25 46248)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Housing Operations
SUBJECT:	Response by Cabinet Member for Housing to Private Sector Housing Scrutiny report - How to get a better deal for private renters in Southampton.
AUTHOR:	Steven Hayes-Arter

THE DECISION

To approve the responses detailed in Appendix 1 for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council constitution provides that the Executive should respond to Scrutiny inquiry recommendations.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

None.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

Recommendations received from Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, meeting held on 21 November 2024.

- 1) That Cabinet review the Council's ambition, objectives and approach to the private rented sector and draws on good practice elsewhere to fundamentally improve outcomes for tenants in the city.
- 2) That, in recognition of its importance with regards to targeting future activity, Cabinet explores all available opportunities to fund and procure a stock condition survey as soon as possible.
- 3) That Cabinet commits to the target of delivering 8,000 additional affordable homes in Southampton by 2040 as outlined by the Council following the approval of the first Affordable Housing Framework sites in December 2022.

4) That the Executive contact the University of Southampton and Southampton Tenants Union to explore their willingness to be involved in developing and updating a database of market rent levels for Southampton.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 26 November 2024

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*