



Report Number:

OS/19/04

To: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: 10 September 2019
Status: Non-key decision
Responsible Officer: Susan Priest, Head of Paid Service
Cabinet Member: Councillor David Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Special Projects

SUBJECT: East Kent Housing Compliance Update: Supplementary Report

SUMMARY:

This supplementary report provides members with an update on key areas of compliance across the Council's housing stock managed by East Kent Housing (EKH). The report was provided to the Council by EKH on 4 September and due to the sensitivity of the information within the report, it has been provided as a restricted item. Deborah Upton, Chief Executive of EKH, will be attending the meeting to respond to any questions and comments arising from this report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) To ensure Overview and Scrutiny Committee is informed on all aspects of compliance across the Council's housing stock.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note report OS/19/04.
2. To scrutinise the contents of the report provided by EKH, attached as Appendix 1.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 EKH continue to update the information held on levels health and safety compliance across the Council's housing stock in the district.
- 1.2 The report set out in appendix 1 updates on the following areas of compliance:
 - Gas Safety
 - Asbestos management
 - Electrical safety
 - Passenger lifts
 - Fire Safety
 - Legionella Testing and Safety
- 1.3 The update was provided by EKH on the 4 September and for this reason it was not possible to include this as part of the original report pack provided to Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Due to sensitivity of the information within the report shown in Appendix 1, it has been provided as a restricted item so as not to cause unnecessary alarm or concern to tenants while corrective actions are being put in place to mitigate risks.
- 1.4 Deborah Upton, Chief Executive of EKH, will be attending the meeting to respond to any questions and comments arising from this report.

2. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

- 2.1 **Legal (SR)** - There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 2.2 **Resources (AH)** – Although the performance of EKH has a direct impact on both finance and value for money, this report does not result in any specific financial implications.
- 2.3 **Equality (SR)** – There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report.
- 2.4 **Communications (AW)** – Communications is key work streams with the aim of ensuring tenants receive timely updates as and when required. Improving communications to inform and involve tenants is an aim of the work stream.

3. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Councillors with any questions arising out of this report should contact the following officer prior to the meeting/

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

East Kent Housing Compliance Report (4 September 2019)

Appendix1: East Kent Housing Compliance Report (4 September 2019)