



JOINT SCRUTINY TASK & FINISH GROUP Project Scoping Template

Topic: Partnership Housing Standards Strategy

Objectives and Key Issues:

Currently, each of the 3 Partnership Councils have their own policies and guidance around Private Sector housing issues. There is the potential to develop a single aligned strategy across the Partnership. This would include providing clear and consistent messages for landlords and consistency for reporting and enforcement action.

Lines of Enquiry:

- Review of current Housing Standards Strategies/Policies at each of the partner Councils;
- What best practice needs to be included in the joint Housing Standards Strategy;
- How will a joint Strategy impact on decisions around reporting and enforcement;
- How can we ensure the Strategy meets the needs of diverse communities across the Partnership;

Standard Areas to Consider

Relationship with Annual Delivery Plans: See Communities Directorate for details

Financial Implications:

Witnesses

Internal: Portfolio Holder for each partner Council

External: Housing providers (platform etc), Landlords

Resources

Liaison Officer: Emily Spicer (John Leach)

Required officer expertise: Housing Officers across the S&ELCP

Timescale

Start date: January 2024

End date: March 2024

Target ELDC Overview Committee Meeting: TBC

Target BBC Overview & Scrutiny Meeting: TBC C&C

Target SHDC scrutiny Committee Meeting: TBC PDP