

Report of the Corporate Services Overview and scrutiny Committee

At the meeting of the Committee on 10 March we received a report on the Decent Homes Works being undertaken by the Council and discussed this with Simon Price. The work is progressing well and a major target was met earlier this month. Expenditure this year will be around £7 million with £5.1 million coming in the form of a grant. Of the 2,600 Council owned homes around 180 will be left to complete next financial year. In future there will be a programme for replacement of doors and windows where required to a value of around £5 million.

At the meeting we also reviewed and amended draft terms of reference for consideration of the problems of commuters and others parking at or near railway stations. The Committee plans to operate this review as a task and finish group with several Councillor members from outside the Committee. Those that have expressed interest so far are Michael Firmager, Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey, David Sleight, Lindsay Ferris and Norman Jorgensen. Ideally we would like to have another two members. It is planned the review will commence in June 2015.

In June we will review progress with the Planning Enforcement Service Action plan and the outcome of the consultation on the Local Enforcement plan.

Councillor Norman Jorgensen
Chairman

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