Agenda Item 104.

TITLE Shareholder Committee

FOR CONSIDERATION BY Community & Corporate Overview & Scrutiny

Committee on 4 March 2024

WARD (All Wards);

LEAD OFFICER Graham Ebers, Deputy Chief Executive and Director

of Resources & Assets

LEAD MEMBER Stephen Conway, Leader of the Council and

Executive Member for Housing

PURPOSE OF REPORT

At its meeting on 14 March 2024, the Executive will consider a report proposing the establishment of Shareholder Committee to oversee the governance of the Council's local housing companies.

A draft of the 14 March Executive report is appended to this covering report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee:

- 1. Consider the attached Executive report on establishing a Shareholder Committee;
- 2. Make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Executive at its meeting on 14 March 2024.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The attached Executive report sets out proposals for establishing a Shareholder Committee for the Council's local housing companies.

Members are requested to scrutinise the attached report and make recommendations, as appropriate, to the Executive. Any recommendations from the Committee will be reported to the Executive at its meeting on 14 March 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces unprecedented financial pressures as a result of; the longer term impact of the COVID-19 crisis, Brexit, the war in Ukraine and the general economic climate of rising prices and the increasing cost of debt. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are optimised and are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	Set out in the attached Executive report.		
Next Financial Year (Year 2)			
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

Other Financial Information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision	
Set out in the attached Executive report.	

Cross-Council Implications	
Set out in the attached Executive report.	

Public Sector Equality Duty	
Set out in the attached Executive report.	

Climate Emergency	
Set out in the attached Executive report.	

Reasons for considering the report in Closed Session	
None	

List of Background Papers	
Executive Report 14 March 2024	

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