

THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2018

**REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING SERVICES AND
NEIGHBOURHOODS**

HOMES ENGLAND COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT

EXEMPT INFORMATION

N/A

PURPOSE

To note the outcome of the Home England compliance audit report in completion of the Affordable Homes grant process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet note the outcome of the Homes England Compliance Audit Report regarding redevelopment of garage sites.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In support of the Council's redevelopment of 9 HRA garage sites for Council housing a grant of £497k was provided to the Council through the Homes England affordable housing grants programme. Waterloo Housing acted on the Council's behalf in the administration of the grants process including the completion of monitoring requirements.

As part of its due diligence, Homes England has undertaken a routine audit of the delivery of the programme. It is a part of the grant conditions that the outcome of the Audits are reported to the governing body of the recipient organisation. This would usually be the Management Board of a Registered Provider however in the case of the Council, Cabinet are the relevant body.

The scope of the audit includes matters such as compliance with grant conditions, compliance in rent setting, contractor appointment and management and compliance in obtaining relevant planning and other approvals.

The notification of the outcome of the audit report is shown at Appendix A. The Audit identified full compliance with all requirements.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Option	Benefits	Risks
Note the outcome of the Audit	Ensures compliance with the Grant requirements	None

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications associated with the recommendation.

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

There are no risks associated with the recommendation.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no sustainability implications associated with the recommendation.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

APPENDICES

Appendix One- Homes England Audit Compliance Audit Report