

10th October 2024**Report of the Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee****Matters referred to Cabinet in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules**

| Scrutiny Committee | Title of Matter referred | Date of Scrutiny meeting |
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| Corporate Scrutiny | Update on Leaseholder Strategic review | 9 th October 2024 |

Exempt Information

None.

Purpose

To notify Cabinet of the report and recommendations from the Update on Leaseholder Strategic review item that was discussed at the meeting of the Update on Leaseholder Strategic review on the 9th October 2024.

Recommendations

Following consideration of the item the Committee agree to the following recommendations being made to Cabinet:

Resolved that the committee made an amendment to recommendation four to:

Cabinet approve the process for remedial works based on the completed surveys and utilising the QLTA approach. A detailed cost breakdown must be submitted to the next available Corporate Scrutiny committee as a briefing note. Both these costs and the final invoices require approval from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Homelessness, and Planning.

(Moved by Councillor S Smith and seconded Councillor M Couchman)

The Committee made an addition recommendation to Cabinet that they:

Review and revise the payment plan criteria including the statement of means to ensure fairness and consistency.

(Moved by Councillor S Smith and seconded by Councillor M Summers)

Back Ground Information

See Appendix one.

Following the meeting on the 13th August the Vice-Chair of the Committee attended Cabinet on the 29th August 2024 where Cabinet thanked the Committee for the recommendations and agreed to look at the recommendations when the report is presented at Cabinet on 10th October and provide a written response to Corporate Scrutiny.

At the meeting of the Committee on the 5th September 2024 a request was made by the Committee to review the updated Cabinet report at its meeting on the 9th October 2024 before it was presented to Cabinet on the 10th October 2024.

Minutes for the meeting of Corporate Scrutiny on the 13/08/24 [Minutes Template \(tamworth.gov.uk\)](#)

Report and minutes for the meeting of Cabinet on the 29/08.24 [Agenda for Cabinet on Thursday, 29th August, 2024, 6.00 pm :: Tamworth Borough Council](#)

Executive Summary

Following introductions by the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Homelessness and Planning and the Executive Director Communities the Committee asked for Clarification around what works would be required for the affected Leaseholders, they then addressed each recommendation that was being made to Cabinet in turn.

The Committee worked through the eight recommendations being proposed to Cabinet and had discussions around:

- what recommendations from CT they were looking to move forward with.
- payment plan options available for those who could not afford to pay within the 28 days and how this was communicated.
- the service improvement plan and how this could be improved.
- what timescales leaseholders would be given of upcoming works.
- with regards to the roofing repairs, what works had been carried out and clarification around the estimated costs.
- the letters/notices that would be sent to residents.

Following discussions the Committee moved an amendment to recommendation 4 and an additional recommendation to be made to Cabinet.

Options Considered

None.

Key considerations

1. Scrutiny committees have statutory powers to make recommendations to the Executive, and the Executive (Cabinet) has a statutory duty to respond. They may also make reports and recommendations to external decision making bodies.

2. The agenda for Executive meetings shall include a standing item entitled 'Matters Referred to the Cabinet In Accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules'. The reports of overview and scrutiny committees and sub-committees referred to the Executive shall be included at this point in the agenda (unless they have been considered in the context of the Executive's deliberations on a substantive item on the agenda) within one calendar month of the overview and scrutiny committee or sub-committee completing its report/recommendations.
3. Scrutiny recommendations are addressed to the Cabinet, as the main Executive decision making body of the council (or, where appropriate, an external agency).
4. Cabinet is being asked to note the scrutiny report / recommendations and that an Executive Response to the scrutiny recommendations be prepared for consideration by the Cabinet within two months from receiving the report or recommendations.
5. The minutes of the meeting of the scrutiny committee provide the record of the scrutiny committee's consideration of the issue and the scrutiny recommendations made during the meeting.
6. The scrutiny committee will be notified of the Executive Response made in respect to the scrutiny recommendations and may track the implementation of the Cabinet decisions and any actions agreed. This enables the scrutiny committee to track whether their recommendations have been agreed, what actually was agreed (if different) and review any outcomes arising

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Report from Scrutiny to Cabinet on the 29/08/24

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