Report to: TOURISM, ECONOMY AND COMMUNITIES

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** 

**Relevant Officer:** Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager

**Date of Meeting:** 3 February 2021

# HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL FINAL REPORT

## 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the final report of the Housing and Homelessness Scrutiny Review Panel.

# 2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the final report of the scrutiny review of Housing and Homelessness.for submission to the Executive.
- 2.2 To monitor the implementation of the report's recommendations/actions.

#### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To review the findings and recommendations of the scrutiny review prior to further approval by the Executive.
- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council?
- 3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved N/A budget?
- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

#### 4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The review's final report cuts across both Council priorities:
  - "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
  - "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

# 5.0 Background Information

At its Workplanning Workshop in July 2020 the Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee identified the Housing and Homelessness as an important area requiring scrutiny. As a result, Committee Members were invited to join a Review Panel to undertake a scrutiny review of the issue.

The review held its meetings between September 2019 and December 2020. While it had been planned to conclude the review in spring 2020, the COVID-19 lockdown had resulted in an amending of the panel's scoping document to address the impact of the restrictions on the Homelessness.

The findings and resulting recommendations from the review are contained within the final report for consideration and approval by the Committee, following which the report will be submitted to the Executive for approval.

Once approved, the TEC Scrutiny Committee will monitor the implementation of the recommendations.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

## 5.6 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 9(a) – Draft Housing and Homelessness Scrutiny Review Final Report

- 6.0 Legal considerations:
- 6.1 None.
- 7.0 Human Resources considerations:
- 7.1 None.
- 8.0 Equalities considerations:
- 8.1 None.
- 9.0 Financial considerations:
- 9.1 None.
- 10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1	None.
11.0	Ethical considerations:
11.1	None.
12.0	Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations
12.1	None
13.0	Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:
13.1	None.
14.0	Background papers:
14.1	None.