

Report to:	EXECUTIVE
Relevant Officer:	Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	6 February 2023

SHORT TERM LETTINGS SCRUTINY REVIEW FINAL REPORT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the Short Term Lettings Scrutiny Review Final Report.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To consider the report and offer a response to the recommendations contained within the Action Plan, forwarding the recommendations to the relevant officers for consideration and implementation.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The recommendations contained within the final report seek to deliver improvements to the work to address unregulated short term lettings in Blackpool.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 The Executive must consider the recommendations outlined in the Scrutiny Review but may accept them, reject them or vary them.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”.

6.0 Background information

- 6.1 At the Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee on 6 October 2021 it was agreed that members would undertake a review of temporary holiday accommodation, known as short term lets, following discussion on the scale and scope of these types of accommodation in Blackpool. In recent years Blackpool has seen a significant rise in the number of this form of holiday accommodation and it was agreed a review would be undertaken to look into their impact on communities and the tourist industry within the town.
- 6.2 The Panel met twice with meetings in July and September 2022 to gather evidence and make recommendations.
- 6.3 Members met with Council Officers and the Leader of the Council at these meetings to discuss the issues arising from short term holiday accommodation.
- 6.4 The final report details the findings and recommendations of the review and is attached at Appendix 2(a) to the Executive report.
- 6.5 In accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny / Cabinet Member Relations Protocol, the final report has been considered by the Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee on 23 November 2022, which approved the report for consideration by the Executive. Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council, has provided their comments on the recommendations contained within the report.
- 6.7 The current Vice - Chairman of the Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Fred Jackson, who was also the lead Councillor for this review, has been invited to the Executive meeting to make representations on behalf of the Committee.
- 6.8 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

- 7.1 Appendix 2(a) – Short Term Lettings Scrutiny Review Final Report

8.0 Financial considerations:

- 8.1 Contained within Appendix 2(a) of the report.

9.0 Legal considerations:

- 9.1 Contained within Appendix 2(a) to the Executive report.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Contained within Appendix 2(a) to the Executive report.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 Not applicable.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 Not applicable.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 Contained within Appendix 2(a) to the Executive report.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 Minutes of the 23 November 2022 meeting of the Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

15.0 Key decision information:

15.1 Is this a key decision? No

15.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:

15.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? No

15.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

16.0 Call-in information:

16.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? No

16.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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17.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed: N/A

Date approved: N/A

18.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

18.1

19.0 Summary of Discussion:

19.1

20.0 Executive decision:

20.1

21.0 Date of Decision:

21.1

22.0 Reason(s) for decision:

22.1

23.0 Date Decision published:

23.1

24.0 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

24.1

25.0 Executive Members in attendance:

25.1

26.0 Call-in:

26.1

27.0 **Notes:**

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