

Notice of:	EXECUTIVE
Decision Number:	EX6/2023
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 None.

19.0 Summary of Discussion:

19.1 Councillor Jackson, Chair of the Review Panel, presented the report to the Executive. Councillor Jackson highlighted that the issue of Short Term Lettings had grown in Blackpool in recent years and created significant concern for local people and businesses. The review had noted work already undertaken and the recommendations which had been unanimously supported sought to build on these roles, Councillor L Williams as the relevant Cabinet Member expressed gratitude to the Review Panel for its valuable work and endorsed the recommendations as a positive step forward.

20.0 Executive decision:

20.1 The Executive resolved as follows:

To note the Scrutiny report on Choice Based Lettings and endorse the three recommendations noting that these recommendations have been accepted by the Leader of the Council, and endorse the Leader of the Council's comments on each recommendation.

21.0 Date of Decision:

21.1 6 February 2023

22.0 Reason(s) for decision:

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

23.0 Date Decision published:

23.1 7 February 2023

24.0 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

24.1 The Executive noted that it must consider the recommendations outlined in the Scrutiny Review but may accept them, reject them or vary them. Given the approval of the relevant Cabinet Member to the recommendations it did not consider that this

25.0 Executive Members in attendance:

25.1 Councillor L Williams, in the Chair
Councillors Brookes, Campbell, Farrell, Hobson, Hugo, Smith and Taylor

26.0 Call-in:

26.1

27.0 Notes:

27.1 The following non-Executive members were in attendance: Councillors Hunter and Jackson.