

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Report title	SERVICE RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO SELECTIVE LANDLORD LICENSING	
Executive Member*	Councillor Mick Thompson Executive Member for Culture and Communities	
Chief Executive or Director	Adam Allen, Director of Culture, Communities and Communications	
Date	02.10.2018	
Purpose of the report	To Provide the Service Response to the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel report on Selective Landlord Licensing	
Summary of the report	The Scrutiny Panel has undertaken a review of the current Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme in North Ormesby. The Panel has made a number of recommendations and produced an action plan. This report is to approve the attached action plan in light of these recommendations.	
If this is a key decision, which key decision test applies?*	Over the financial threshold (£150,000)	
	Amends the Council's policy framework	
	Affects two or more wards	
	Non-key	X
For the purposes of scrutiny call in procedure this report is*	Exempt under s.12a Local Government Act 1972	
	Urgent	
	Non-urgent	X
If this is a confidential report, which category of exemption(s) from the Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 applies?	N/A	
Decision(s) asked for	That the Executive approves the attached Action Plan put together in response to the Scrutiny Panel recommendations	
Impact of decision(s)	The action plan will ensure that the Council are fully engaged in the evaluation of the existing North Ormesby Scheme and the roll out of the scheme to any further locations	

What is the purpose of this report?

1. The purpose of this report is to note the contents of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel report on the Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme and approve the attached action plan in response to their findings.
2. Key findings from the report are:
 - a. The panel are complimentary of the SLL model in North Ormesby and want to see this model being used in future schemes across the Borough.
 - b. The panel would like to see the North Ormesby model extended for another 5 years (subject to meeting the criteria for SLL and following appropriate consultation) and they would like to see a full evaluation of the scheme in 2020
 - c. The panel would like to see a voluntary accreditation scheme developed for Middlesbrough landlords to be rolled out town wide. This is currently not possible due to financial implications as the SLL team are only funded to deliver the SLL scheme. (this is funded via license fees)
 - d. The panel recommend that any future scheme allocates sufficient funding to employ additional staff to fulfil the housing inspection programme. This has been accounted for in the report re the Newport scheme

Why is this report necessary?

3. Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) reviewed progress of the North Ormesby Selective Landlord Licensing scheme and the recommendations of the scrutiny panel now need to be considered by the Executive.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

4. It is recommended that the Executive:
 - a. notes the content of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel report on the Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme; and,
 - b. approves the attached action plan put together in response to the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations.

Why is this being recommended?

5. The recommendations are required for the Executive to formally consider the Scrutiny panel's report and confirm the service areas response to the Panel's action plan.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

6. Full details of what the Scrutiny Panel took into consideration when arriving at their recommendations are contained in the Scrutiny report (Appendix I).

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

7. The recommendations in the action plan will ensure that the Council are fully engaged in the development of the Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme, and influence any outcomes with regard to future schemes.

Legal

8. No legal implications are identified at this time.

Financial

9. No financial implications are identified at this time.

The Mayor's Vision for Middlesbrough

10. Selective Landlord Licensing is aligned with the Mayors Vision and directly assists in strengthening community links, improving housing standards and also further reducing antisocial behaviour in the designated areas

Policy Framework

11. There is no impact on the Council's policy framework.

Wards

12. North Ormesby.

Equality and Diversity

13. Equality and diversity issues would be considered as part of any future schemes as and when any specific schemes/ projects are progressed. This would include Impact Assessments where required.

Risk

14. No specific risks are identified with respect to these recommendations.

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

15. The proposed actions in response to the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations are detailed in the action plan (Appendix II).

Appendices

Appendix I –
Review of Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme in North Ormesby

Appendix II –
Action Plan with service area comments

Background papers

Body	Report title	Date
Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB)	Final Report of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel – Selective Landlord Licensing – Appendix 1	June 2018

