CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL FINAL REPORT

SELECTIVE LANDLORD LICENSING - ACTION PLAN

DATE: 2 October 2018

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	POST TITLE	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
The Panel are passionate and extremely complimentary of the Selective Licensing model in North Ormesby. The Panel recommends that the next roll-out of the scheme mirrors this model to ensure its success.	To be incorporated into any future plans for rolling out to other areas A report has been produced for executive approval proposing the roll out to Newport ward in April 2019	Head of Stronger Communities	This will be incorporated into the fee setting for the license and will be subject to formal consultation	April 2019
That the Panel be updated on a six monthly basis on the scheme, and informed once a decision is made on the next area for Selective Licensing.	To take an update report to Scrutiny, detailing the roll out to the next area.	Head of Stronger Communities	Update report will address all financial issues, no additional budget will be required for the roll out.	November 2018
3. That a 'step by step' guide on Selective Licensing be developed in conjunction with the Ward Councillor(s), tenants, landlords and community of North Ormesby. This should include practical information, timescales of Selective Licensing and benefits of the scheme. Once produced, this should be shared with new licensees/ tenants, the BIG Local,	To be developed by the SLL team	SLL Manager	N/A	April 2019

	North Ormesby Community Council and included on Middlesbrough Council's website and displayed within North Ormesby Community Hub.				
4.	That the Panel receives a full evaluation of the scheme towards the end of 2020. Dependant on the outcome and need, the Panel	To produce evaluation report to Scrutiny	Head of Stronger Communities	N/A	2020
	recommends that the Council reapplies for North Ormesby to be designated for a second time. The Panel is aware that is it difficult to comment at this stage until a full evaluation has been completed. If North Ormesby does not fit the criteria set out by the Housing Act 2004 for redesignation, the Panel would like to be consulted regarding the exit strategy and future plans for North Ormesby.	To produce a report to Executive outlining options based on current financial landscape and the SLL scheme with recommendations for consideration	Director of CCC	To be set out in the report	December 2019
5.	That a standard set of license conditions be developed by the Selective License Forum and adopted and utilised in the second roll out (with provision to include additional conditions to fit the demand and problems within a specific area.)	There is already a standard set of mandatory licence conditions set out by the Housing Act with additional conditions which the Council has produced. To share license conditions with Scrutiny	SLL Manager	N/A	October 2018
6.	That a voluntary accreditation scheme be developed for Middlesbrough	This would have significant financial requirements			

	Landlords. This would be rolled-out town-wide.	The SLL Team are funded to administer the SLL area ONLY as per the legal framework for introducing the scheme therefore a new team would need to be created and funded from core budgets to implement a voluntary scheme. There is currently no budget to deliver this at this time			Ocatavalan
7.	That the services offered by the Public Protection Team in relation to Regulation of Housing Standards and Enforcement be publicised in the Love Middlesbrough Magazine.	To be publicised in the Love Middlesbrough magazine	Head of Public Protection		September 2018
8.	That during the second roll-out of Selective Licensing, funding be allocated from existing resources to employ additional staff (as required) to carry out inspections.	A financial analysis has demonstrated that the next roll out to Newport can be achieved within existing budgets and the income received from license fees.	Head of Stronger Communities	Further funding not required to achieve objectives	September 2018
9.	That the Panel be updated in six months' time in relation to community safety.	To update Scrutiny	Head of Stronger Communities	N/A	November 2018