

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 7

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

16 October 2012

### REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS – ERIMUS HOUSING

#### DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES: KEVIN PARKES

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. On 22 November 2011, the Board considered a note outlining the responsibilities for Erimus Housing in complying with recommendations in the MIS Asbestos Survey 2003, to remove asbestos in properties transferred under the Stock Transfer Agreement. It has been requested that a brief update be prepared for The Board on the actions agreed at the meeting in November 2011. The agreed actions and the updates are presented in the following section of this report.

#### ACTIONS AND UPDATES

**Officers would continue to request further information from Erimus on their management of the asbestos programme based on the MIS survey and their own management database.**

2. The Council continues to receive bi-annual updates on works completed, e.g. responsive repairs and void works; capital programmes; environmental works; and, demolitions, and costs for those works. Details of the expenditure up to the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 is given below:

a) Total spend up to 31 August 2012	£ 5,020,791.16
b) Total still available from 1 September 2012	£ 8,108,431.84
c) Total budget	<u>£13,129,223.00</u>

The detailed breakdown is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

**Further to the removal of the high risk in 2004/05, ask Erimus to confirm that high risk asbestos has now been removed from all properties.**

3. In response to our question Erimus has simply confirmed that where high risk asbestos has been identified post 2004/05, the material has been managed in line with Health and Safety Executive regulations.

**As the 10<sup>th</sup> year approaches, request an update on progress and details of a proposed completion date and estimated costs.**

4. The Council continues to receive updates on the works completed and the cost of those works. The proposed completion date remains as November 2014. The cost of the work will be a maximum of £13,129,223.