

# OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2012

Agenda Item - 7

## ERIMUS

### Garden enforcement and the general environmental conditions of the Social housing area

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the issue raised from a Member at the OSB of 16<sup>th</sup> October concerning Erimus and the attendance of representatives to this meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Board receives the information from the representatives of Erimus.

#### SCRUTINY Item

3. Members will recall a request for a Scrutiny to be undertaken was presented to the last meeting of OSB. The topic related to Erimus Housing and had four parts. Members considered that items 1 and 2 were not appropriate for Scrutiny and that items 3 and 4 required further information. Items 3 and 4 are presented below for ease of referencing.
  - **(3)** The issue of Gardens has arisen in that although written into the tenancy agreement (section 5, 5.12 - 5.13 - 5.14) the gardens are not being maintained and there is little evidence of enforcement. Consequently, I believe it would be beneficial to know how many Erimus tenants have been removed from homes for repeated tenancy breaches since 2003.
  - **(4)** Members constantly reference the poor condition of our Town, its green-belt our Social Housing, Shopping precincts etc, yet we seem to de-police it all by taking no action, and Erimus is a major contributory factor. Therefore a request that Scrutiny look into the Councils adopted affordable housing strategy.

4. Item 3 regarding Garden maintenance and enforcement is self explanatory and representatives of Erimus will be in attendance to clarify this issue.
5. However, Item 4 is slightly ambiguous and consequently I have endeavoured to provide Erimus with some indication of the intention of this item. As I believe the item relates to the general environmental conditions of the Social housing area ( Estates,) the grassed areas , cleanliness etc. On this Members may wish to further clarify aspects and as with the previous item, representatives of Erimus will be in attendance at the meeting to respond to Members enquiries.

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