

Registered Provider of Social Housing (Havebury Partnership)

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Report to and date:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	12 March 2020
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Decisions Plan: N/A

Wards impacted: All Wards

Recommendation: Having considered the information from Havebury Partnership, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may wish to:

- (1) Make recommendations as appropriate to the Chief Executive of Havebury Partnership / the Council Cabinet Member for Housing or
- (2) Request further information and / or receive a future update.

1. Background / Context

- 1.1 The Committee at its meeting held on 2 September 2019, received a report from the Cabinet Member for Housing on the West Suffolk Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy.
- 1.2 At the same meeting the Committee also discussed Registered Providers (RPs) of social housing, sometimes referred to as Registered Social Landlords (RSLs), particularly on how West Suffolk Council can ensure we are working as effectively as we can with RPs in meeting our objectives for housing in West Suffolk.
- 1.3 The Committee resolved to invite Registered Providers in West Suffolk to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.4 On 11 November 2019, the Chair of the Committee wrote to Mr Andrew Smith, Chief Executive of Havebury Housing Partnership, inviting him to the Committee's meeting on 12 March 2020, which was accepted.
- 1.5 As Havebury Housing Partnership is a significant stockholder in West Suffolk, Mr Andrew Smith has been asked to provide a presentation / overview to the Committee on the following topics:
 - Development pipelines for the West Suffolk area including rural sites;
 - Single/shared accommodation for under 25s;
 - Housing tenure, particularly the provision of social rent;
 - Affordability checks and supporting people to maintain tenancies;
 - Joint working with West Suffolk Council; and
 - Provision of housing for older people and policy to support people who would like to move.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee ask questions and comments on what they have heard from Havebury Housing Partnership.

3. Alternative Options

- 3.1 N/A

4. Consultation and engagement

- 4.1 N/A

5. Risks

- 5.1 N/A

6. Appendices

6.1 N/A

7. Background documents

7.1 N/A