

## Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board to the Mayor

### Anti-Social Behaviour and the Private Rented Housing Sector – Notice of Call-in

1. At its meeting on 3 July 2012, the Overview and Scrutiny Board considered the details of a call-in by five Members of the Council of the decision by the Mayor to, amongst other things, consider the Board's report into Anti-Social Behaviour and the Private Rented Housing Sector as part of the internal service review of Community Safety and subsequently as part of the overall prioritisation of the budget for this service later in the year.
2. The Call-in Promoter (Councillor Darling) set out the reasons for calling-in the decision and each of the Call-in Supporters also addressed the Board about their concerns regarding the decision.
3. The Board heard representations from Melville Hill Community Group and Torquay Neighbourhood Plan who were opposed to the decision of the Mayor.
4. The Mayor responded to the points raised by both the Call-in Promoter and Supporters and the Members of the Board that, whilst he welcomed the Board's report, he wished to consider (in the Autumn) a wider report on the issue which covered Registered Social Landlords as well as private landlords together with information from ward councillors and Community Partnerships.
5. In accordance with the Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Board had three options open to it:
  - Take no further action
  - Refer the decision back to the Mayor
  - In exceptional circumstances, refer the matter to the Council
6. Following the debate, it was agreed:

**The Overview and Scrutiny Board believes that the Record of Decision and the explanation given at the meeting by the Mayor of his decision have limited relation to each other. Further, the Mayor indicated that he needed additional data which the Board was advised should be readily available.**

**Therefore, the matter be referred back to the Mayor at the meeting of the Council on 12 July 2012.**

7. In accordance with the Constitution, the options open to the Mayor are:
  - Confirm the decision without modification
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  - Rescind the decision