

**Cabinet (Performance
Management) Panel**
24 June 2019

Report title	Housing Managing Agents Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter Four, January to March 2019	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Peter Bilson City Assets and Housing	
Key decision	No	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All wards	
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Originating service	Housing	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Housing Leadership Team	28 May 2019

Recommendation for decision:

The Cabinet (Performance Management) Panel is recommended to:

1. Review and comment on the performance of the Housing Managing Agents for quarter four January to March 2019 and any areas for improvement.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The primary purpose of this report is to provide an evaluation of the performance of Wolverhampton Homes and the Tenant Management Organisations (TMOs) in managing and maintaining council owned dwellings during the 2019-2020 financial year.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 This report assists in clarifying and highlighting areas of performance; where performance data suggests that intervention or revised working maybe required or has been undertaken.
- 2.2 This report illustrates performance from quarter four 2017- 2018 to quarter four 2018-2019 inclusively to allow comparison over the year.
- 2.3 The performance for each of the Managing Agents is grouped under three headings:
- a) Rents management
 - b) Repairs management
 - c) Voids and allocations
- 2.4 Wolverhampton Homes additionally reports on business planning, satisfaction with handling and outcome of the Antisocial behaviour (ASB) process, customer care and estate services.
- 2.5 Tables indicate both the direction in which performance needs to move for improvement, and performance trends between the current and the previous quarter.
- 2.6 Additionally, performance is categorised as:
- a) GREEN – where performance is in target and:
 - i. Was in target the previous quarter, or
 - ii. Was marked as amber in the previous quarter.
 - b) AMBER – where performance is:
 - i. Off target this quarter and was marked as green in the previous quarter, or
 - ii. In target this quarter and was marked as red in the previous quarter.
 - c) RED – where performance is off target and,
 - i. was marked as amber in the previous quarter, or
 - ii. was marked as red in the previous quarter, or
 - iii. gives clear cause for concern

2.7 Governance

- 2.8 The Housing Strategy Team continues to monitor the governance of the housing management organisations.

- 2.9 The Service lead – Housing Strategy is invited to attend Wolverhampton Homes Board meetings as an observer. Wolverhampton Homes' Board committee and other minutes and papers are available on request to council employees.
- 2.10 The TMOs provide agendas, minutes and other documents from their regular meetings. Housing Services employees have observed TMO board and committee meetings where resources have permitted.
- 2.11 An annual review of the TMOs is conducted and this includes a review of governance, which started in March 2018.

3.0 Evaluation of alternative options

- 3.1 As this is a monitoring report, there are no alternative options to evaluate.

4.0 Reasons for decision

- 4.1 To maintain oversight of Wolverhampton Homes and the Management of the Council's housing stock in accordance with the management agreements.

5.0 Financial implications

- 5.1 The performance of the managing agent, and in particular Wolverhampton Homes, impacts on the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan. The financial impact is reflected in the quarterly financial monitoring of the HRA which is included as part of the quarterly corporate budget monitoring reports to Cabinet (Resources) Panel.
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6.0 Legal implications

- 6.1 The services provided by the managing agents relates to the discharge of the Council's duties to its tenants. Failure to undertake relevant repairs to housing stock within a reasonable time following notice to the Council of disrepair can result in a tenant commencing legal proceedings in the civil courts against the Council for breach of repairing obligations under S11 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985.
[DC/15052019/Y]

7.0 Equalities implications

- 7.1 There are no direct equality implications arising from this report, however the delivery of housing management services has an impact on the accessibility of the housing for residents in the city.

8.0 Environmental implications

- 8.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report, however the proper management of the Council's housing stock including investment to repair and improve properties considerably enhances the built environment.

9.0 Human resources implications

9.1 This report has no human resources implications.

10.0 Corporate landlord implications

10.1 This report relates to the performance of the housing management agents and council housing stock and therefore has no corporate landlord implications.

11.0 Health and Wellbeing Implications

11.1 Safe and well-maintained homes positively contribute to the health and wellbeing of the city's residents. The managing agents are maintaining properties in line with their management agreement responsibilities. This performance is monitored and currently shows no cause for concern.

12.0 Schedule of background papers

12.1 None

13.0 Appendices

13.1 Appendix 1: *Housing Managing Agents Performance Monitoring Report, Quarter Four January 2019 to March 2019*