

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 11 February 2019	Meeting Name: Audit, Governance and Standards Committee
Report title:		Update on Ledbury Estate – Management response to recommendations of the independent review of the Ledbury	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		Old Kent Road	
From:		Stuart Davis – Director of Asset Management, Housing and Modernisation	

RECOMMENDATION

1. Audit, Governance and Standards Committee are asked to note the contents of this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Following the issues that have arisen at Ledbury estate where the four tower blocks are being decanted as a result of fire safety and structural issues, RSM were instructed to carry out an independent investigation into the repairs history on the four tower blocks. This report was completed in May 2018 and there were a set of 18 recommendations made for actions relating to all the housing stock. A management response was made to each of the recommendations and this was reported to overview and scrutiny committee on 23 July 2018. An updated version of these management responses is attached as Appendix A. Each of the responses to the recommendations had been given a clear deadline which has been closely monitored by the Director of Asset Management.
3. Overview and scrutiny committee accepted the report and it was suggested that there may be a role for audit, governance and standards committee in reviewing the findings of the report as part of its management of systems and risk controls. This committee has been the first one with space on its agenda where it has been possible to update the committee.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Subsequent to the report to overview and scrutiny committee there has been a further report to cabinet on 30 October 2018 on subsequent actions on Ledbury estate, the intensive consultation with local residents and the way forward for the estate.
5. An options appraisal had been carried out and the options discussed with residents. The option agreed and one that residents supported was to refurbish the existing four tower blocks and build on land adjoining the blocks with 50% of new homes being retained for Council rented accommodation.

Policy implications

6. The management actions being carried out help the council achieve Theme I of its

Fairer Futures commitments, that is, 'Everyone should have a place that they are proud to call home. We are committed to delivering good quality, affordable homes for all our residents, which is why we are improving council homes, building new ones and building more affordable homes across the borough.'

Community impact statement

- 7. The proposals in the report will help ensure the safety of all Southwark Council residents.

Resource and Financial implications

- 8. There are no specific resource or financial implications contained in this report at this stage.

Legal implications

- 9. There are no specific legal implications contained in this report.

Consultation

- 10. Ledbury residents were extensively consulted on future proposals for the estate and this is being continued as design work progresses.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Law and Democracy

- 11. The report asks the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee (“the Committee”) to note the update on the management response to recommendation of the independent review of the Ledbury Estate since the last report to the Committee on 23 July 2018. Details of the update are contained in Appendix 1 of this report

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance

- 12. The Strategic Director of Finance and Governance notes the report and the updated management action plan at Appendix A.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Overview and Scrutiny Report 23 July 2018 Ledbury Estate – Management to recommendations of the Independent Review of the Ledbury	Constitutional Team , 160 Tooley Street	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221
Title of document(s) Cabinet 30 October 2018 The way forward – Ledbury Estate high rise blocks	Constitutional Team, 160 Tooley Street	Everton Roberts 020 7525 7221

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Update of Management Responses

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Stuart Davis	
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Version	Final	
Dated	30 January 2019	
Key Decision?	No	
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments Included
Director of Law and Democracy	Yes	Yes
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Team	30 January 2019	