

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Council – 23 January 2019

Report Title

Recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny – Modern Methods of Construction

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

This report presents the findings from the scrutiny review into modern methods of construction which is included at Appendix 1.

The review was undertaken because of evidence that the:-

- housing market is not fit for purpose with the housing market locally reflecting national information and trends.
- demand for homes outweighs provision e.g. more one bedroom and larger properties are required in Rotherham
- number of homeless people is on the increase, this number could continue to increase due to the introduction of Universal Credit.
- Insufficient affordable properties available – which includes cheaper, renewable sources of energy to heat the homes.
- private and social owned properties are not being build quick enough to meet demand

The options for providing affordable homes, in a quicker timescale to traditional build homes, which are energy efficient and where possible use renewable sources of energy to keep running cost low. Two main options were looked at these were container and modular homes.

Following consideration by the Council, the Cabinet will be required to respond formally to the recommendations and indicate agreement or otherwise, what action, will be taken to implement the recommendations, along with details of timescales and accountabilities.

Recommendations

1. That the report and recommendations from the review of Modern Methods of Construction be noted.
2. That the response of Cabinet to the recommendations be reported to Council and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Scrutiny Review of Modern Methods of Construction

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 12 December 2018

Cabinet – 18 February 2019

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No