

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>		<b>SCRUTINY</b>
<b>DATE:</b>		<b>12 DECEMBER 2001</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>		<b>HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>		<b>HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</b>
<b>Ward(s):</b>		All
<b>Purpose:</b>		To provide members of the Committee with the HMO activity statistics for the period 1 <sup>st</sup> April to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2001.
<b>Contact:</b>		Gary Stevenson, Head of Environmental Health, Telephone 01323 415360 or internally on extension 5360.
<b>Recommendations:</b>		That Members of Scrutiny Committee note that the current rate of progress for improving houses in multiple occupation is ahead of target.
<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>Introduction</u></b>	
1.1	In response to a request from the Chairman of the Committee, the houses in multiple occupation (HMO) activity statistics for this year are set out at Appendix 1.	
1.2	The information is monitored on a monthly basis within the Housing Health and Community Finance Department. An extract was included in the September edition of the Members' Newsletter.	

1.3	As at the end of October 30 HMO's have been brought up to the Council's standards through the intervention of the officers involved. The target is for 38 properties to be brought up to standard by the end of March 2002. The current rate of progress is ahead of target.
<b>Gary Stevenson</b>  <b>Head of Environmental Health</b>	
<b>Background Papers:</b>  The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:  <b>None</b>	
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**Appendix 1**

## **\_HMO Activity Statistics for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2001**

Number of:	
Properties considered by HMO Liaison Group	43
Minded To Notices served setting out the work required to achieve the Council's standards and giving the recipient an opportunity to challenge the work with Officers.	44
Formal Notices served requiring work to be carried out in a set time period and giving the recipient a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court	14

Properties brought up to Council standards (Full year target 38 properties)	30 of which 2 are also registered under the HMO Scheme.
Prosecutions taken	1 (which was successful) with a further 7 pending
Appeals defended	2 with 1 pending