

**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date:** 13 July 2022

**Title:** Review of Planning Policy and Licensing for Houses in Multiple Occupation

**Report of:** Ian Fitzpatrick, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration and Planning

On 11 July 2022, the Scrutiny Committee met to consider and discuss the recommendations of reports going forward to Cabinet on the 13 July. The following members were present for this discussion:

Councillor Kshama Shore (Chair); Councillors Steve Wallis (Deputy-Chair); Councillors Jane Lamb, Md. Harun Miah and Robert Smart.

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee on the recommendations set out in the report.

Following a proposal by Councillor Smart which was seconded by Councillor Lamb, the members of the Committee **resolved** unanimously to support the Officer recommendations to the Cabinet:

- (1) To note the issues and implications associated with the potential courses of action identified in this report relating to the review of planning policy and licensing for Houses in Multiple Occupation and selective licensing of other private sector residential properties**
- (2) To seek approval to commission robust evidence to fully underpin future strategies to manage and tackle Houses in Multiple Occupation and other private sector residential properties in the town and to allocate £25,000 to enable this to happen**

And that Cabinet note the request from the Scrutiny Committee for the following item to be added to the Committee's work programme, agreed at the meeting:

**That the consultants commissioned to provide robust evidence to support and justify any future decisions on action regarding HMO planning policy and licensing shall provide an interim update to the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 28 November 2022**

[Details of the 11 July Scrutiny meeting can be found on the Council's website](#)

