

## Report of the Chief Executive

**TENANCY AGREEMENT CONSULTATION OUTCOMES**1. Purpose of report

To inform the Committee of the outcome of the recent Secure Tenancy Agreement consultation for existing tenants.

2. Background

Following the Housing Committee's outcome agreeing to the roll out of Introductory and Fixed Term Tenancies as well as a new Secure Tenancy Agreement, it was necessary in accordance with the Housing Act 1985 to consult with our existing tenants to amend the conditions of their existing agreements. The rights of existing tenants as Secure Tenants did not change.

3. Detail

The Tenancy Agreement Consultation took place between September and December 2018.

The Consultation included publicity on the website and social media messages, a dedicated e-mail address and phone number, posters in Council buildings, three consultation open events as well as a copy of the documents sending to each tenant, either hand delivered by an Officer or by Royal Mail "Signed For Service".

The Council sought to engage its known particularly vulnerable tenants by personal visits or phone calls to explain the purpose of the consultation.

The Council also sent the agreement to its partners, such as the Police and Citizens Advice Bureau. The Housing Team also ensured that other teams within the Council with an interest or involvement in Housing had the opportunity to comment.

The results of the consultation from the responses are in appendix 1. The changes made to the secure tenancy agreement are summarised in appendix 2.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to NOTE the outcomes of the Tenancy Agreement Consultation and the subsequent changes made to the new Tenancy Agreement to take effect from 1 April 2019.**

Background papers

Nil