

Report of the Chief Executive

UPDATE ON HOUSING MARKET EVIDENCE GATHERING TO INFORM POTENTIAL POLICY INTERVENTIONS1. Purpose of report

To consider progress on gathering evidence to report on the concentration of HMOs in Broxtowe and options of introducing additional controls.

2. Background

At the July meeting of Jobs and Economy committee it was reported that more evidence is needed to come to an informed decision regarding the issues around HMOs in central Beeston in particular, but potentially elsewhere in Broxtowe Borough and report back on possible actions. The progress on this is outlined in the appendix and it remains realistic to have all necessary evidence in place by the end of the year to inform a report for decision to Jobs and Economy committee in January 2020.

3. Financial considerations

The evidence gathering can be met within existing budgets.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIXProgress to date

- Meeting with Beeston Civic Society to gather information from the Local Community in relation to Beeston
- Meeting between Broxtowe Officers including from Planning, Council Tax and Public Protection to collate information already available to us. This will be used to inform the housing market characteristics work described below.
- Additional officer appointed to assist with this work.
- Final brief has been signed off by all Greater Nottingham Planning and Housing teams off to commission Greater Nottingham housing characteristics work.
- Colleagues at other councils have agreed (given the concern about the issues in Broxtowe) to do the Broxtowe work first to allow this to be completed by Christmas.

Next Steps

- Separate meetings are in the process of being finalised with the universities to gather additional information regarding existing policies re accommodation of students and likely future trends (both in terms of student numbers and plans to build student specific accommodation to cater for these numbers).
- Commission consultants to undertake the work over the whole HMA.
- Receive draft findings in relation to Broxtowe in time for a January Jobs and Economy report.