
TITLE OF REPORT: **Review of the Role of Housing in Improving Health and Wellbeing – Interim Report**

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Summary

This is the interim report of the Committee's investigation into the role of housing in improving health and wellbeing in Gateshead. The views of the Committee are being sought on the information presented and the future plans outlined.

Background

1. Care, Health & Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed that the focus of its review in 2016-17 will be the role of housing in improving health and wellbeing.
2. The first evidence gathering session held on 1st November 2016 explored issues regarding health and the supply of housing with respect to the existing stock and anticipated future housing needs.
3. The second evidence gathering session held on 6th December 2016 considered information on housing standards in Gateshead with a focus on the private rented sector and the importance of "place". External speakers provided evidence on the relationship between housing and health and in particular the significance of affordable warmth.
4. The third evidence gathering session held on 24th January 2017 detailed the nature of housing support and advice and supported housing services available in Gateshead.
5. The report will be further informed by the findings of a fourth evidence gathering session based on members' experience in issues regarding health and housing to be held in the Civic Centre on 1 March 2017 (room to be confirmed).

Purpose of this session

6. The interim report (Appendix 1) provides a summary of the evidence gathered and draft recommendations to be considered by the Committee for presentation to Cabinet.

Recommendation

7. It is recommended that the Committee:
 - Gives its views on the report presented to inform the preparation of the final report to be considered at its meeting on 25th April 2017.

Appendix 1

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