

UPDATE FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

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What is the Commission being asked to do?

At the last meeting of the Commission the Chairman reported that the Cabinet Member for Housing had been keeping him regularly informed on the work being undertaken on the Houses in Multiple Occupation recommendations, which had been submitted to Cabinet in February 2015, although a formal Cabinet response had not yet been made. Recently her Service had responded to a Government consultation in respect of the proposals to extend the mandatory licensing of HMO's.

A suggestion was made that there was a considerable need for the Commission to carry out work on the provision of Housing as a whole within the District, including affordable housing. The Commission indicated that Housing should be the subject of a Task and Finish Group in the future when there was sufficient space in the Commission's work programme.

Members also mentioned the Saunderton Lodge facility. It was therefore suggested that the Cabinet Member be invited to this meeting of the Commission to give an update on the Council's housing strategy in general, as well as Saunderton Lodge and HiMos, as this could help inform the timing and scope of the Task and Finish Group in the future.

This is an opportunity for questions and discussion, in the spirit of working together, to ensure the Commission plays a constructive added-value role in this most important service.