

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 1 DECEMBER 2015

REPORT BY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report details the comments and recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committees since the last meeting of the Executive and should be read in conjunction with reports of the Executive Members found elsewhere on the agenda.

| <u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u> | |
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| (A) | That the report be received. |

1.0 Background

1.1 Scrutiny meetings have been held recently as follows:

Environment Scrutiny Committee – 10 November 2015

Community Scrutiny Committee – 17 November 2015

Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee – 24 November 2015

2.0 Report

2.1 **Quarterly Corporate Healthcheck – July – September 2015** **(Agenda Item 9)**

The Corporate Business Scrutiny received and noted the quarterly healthcheck and did not have any comments to make.

3.0 **Other Issues**

3.1 The Environment Scrutiny Committee received a **Community Energy** Update report and in acknowledging the range of opportunities for supporting the development of community energy initiatives, the Committee recommended to the Executive,

that:

- the Council should support a scheme of renewable energy in relation to its own estate and to act as a source of publicity, information and advice through appropriate media;
- planning officers be asked to raise the profile to promote community energy in the District Plan; and
- consideration be given to including community energy as a requirement within the District Plan.

3.2 The Community Scrutiny Committee considered the **Empty Homes Strategy**. This matter is scheduled to be reported to the Executive in January 2016 and Scrutiny's comments will be included within the report.

4.0 Implications/Consultations

4.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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