

Update from Cllr John Wyllie, Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee last met on 7 September and considered a number of items but specifically the substantive item on the Executive agenda relating to the East Herts Tenancy Strategy. A number of questions were submitted to the Portfolio Holder in advance to which O&S Members received a response at the meeting.

At the meeting, Members referred to the difficulties younger people are having getting on to the housing ladder, the conditions of single people in housing need and what can be done to help them, the need to link the Tenancy Strategy and the Housing Strategy, the Council's progress in achieving affordable housing targets, levels of Local Housing Allowance (at 70%) and how little influence the Council has to adapt this to local need to support residents and the costs associated with keeping people in Bed and Breakfast accommodation when the Council no longer has Council houses.

Bearing in mind these comments, Members supported the Tenancy Strategy.