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| Subject: | Report of the Green Vale Homes Task and Finish Group | Status: | For Publication |
| Report to: | Cabinet | Date: | 8 th July 2015 |
| Report of: | Overview and Scrutiny | Portfolio Holder: | Leader/Regeneration and Leisure |
| Key Decision: | <input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/> | General Exception | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Equality Impact Assessment: | Required: | No | Attached: No |
| Biodiversity Impact Assessment | Required: | No | Attached: No |
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| 1. | RECOMMENDATION(S) |
| 1.1 | That Cabinet consider the recommendations of the Green Vale Homes Task and Finish Group. |
| 1.2 | That Cabinet, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Leisure and other relevant officers provide a written response to the recommendations within two months of receiving this report. |

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To ask Cabinet to consider the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group and the response to the recommendations from Green Vale Homes, as indicated within the report.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Members need to note the requirement to formally respond to recommendations of overview and scrutiny committees within a two month period as set out in the Council's Constitution and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 5.1 At the request of the former Chief Executive, a task and finish group was established with the following terms of reference.
- To review the proposed changes to the Governance at Green Vale Homes and what this could mean to the Council and Rossendale residents and look at the relationship between the Council and GVH going forward under the new proposed governance arrangements.
 - The group need to look more in-depth at the operational structure to find out what has changed and how GVH can influence and work with the Council and vice-versa.
 - To look at issues around new developments in terms of consultation and communication.
- 5.2 Meetings were held between 11th September 2014 and 16th February 2015, during which time the task and finish group heard from the two Council representatives on the Green Vale Homes Board, a representative from the CAB, numerous Officers from both GVH and the Together Housing Group, including their Chief Executive, Steve Close.

- 5.3 Once the final report had been produced it was sent to the Chief Executive and the Director of Strategy and Communications at Together Housing Group for comments and they were invited to attend the final meeting of the task and finish group on 12th March to discuss the report and its recommendations in more detail.
- 5.4 The report, attached as Appendix A, includes the comments of the Together Housing Group/GVH Officers.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 6.1 It is assumed that all recommendations are to be contained within existing budget resources.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

- 7.1 No comments.

8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 8.1 The report set out in Appendix A has been produced in consultation with the Green Vale Homes Task and Finish Group.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 That Cabinet considers the recommendation of the Task and Finish Group, which includes the comments from the Together Housing Group Officers.