

FINAL Scoping Document

SCRUTINY REVIEW – ONE PAGE STRATEGY	
Broad topic area	Private Rented Housing Councillors Smith (Chair), Councillor Gravells, Councillor Beeley
Specific topic area	Proposed Actions to Improve Housing Conditions in the Private Rented Sector
Ambitions for the review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree an action plan to implement proactive programmes intended to improve the worst privately rented accommodation in HMOs. • To agree how these improvements can be sustained into the future. • To identify if there is a case for additional licensing schemes.
How do we perform at the moment?	Team currently works in a reactive way responding to service requests. This approach only deals with the symptoms and not the causes of poor housing.
Who should we consult?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenants • Landlords • Other colleagues within the Council • Other authorities • Health colleagues • Local Government Association • Police • Immigration Services • Fire Service • Advice Agencies • Trading Standards • 'Turning Point' • GEAR
Background information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloucester House Conditions Surveys 2005 and 2011 • House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee, The Private Rented Sector. http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmcomloc/50/50.pdf
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Wight and Michelle Thomas, Private Sector Housing Team • Democratic Services • Legal Services • Housing enabling and Homelessness Services • Community Engagement Services
How long will it take?	3-6 months (Series of proactive inspection programmes to be implemented for one year from early 2015)
Outcomes	Improved condition of rented accommodation in HMOs in the city