

Subject:	Students in the Community – Recommendations of the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
Date of Meeting:	23 April 2009		
Report of:	Acting Director of Strategy and Governance		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 The Adult Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (ASCHOSC) established a scrutiny panel to investigate the issue of 'Students in the Community' under the scrutiny procedure rules. Reports from scrutiny panels, once endorsed by the parent Overview and Scrutiny Committee, are submitted to Cabinet for consideration. This report contains the scrutiny recommendations for consideration by Cabinet. Cabinet response, when finalised, and the original scrutiny report will be reported to Council for information.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Cabinet:

- (a) Notes the scrutiny recommendations on 'Students in the Community' attached to this report as Appendix 1.
- (b) Refers the scrutiny report with the recommendations to the next meeting of the Strategic Housing Board asking for comments the report recommendations prior to Cabinet deciding on the a response at its meeting on the 11 June.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The review on Students in the Community was instigated by the ASCHOSC in autumn 2008. A scrutiny panel was established consisting of Councillors Anne Meadows, Georgia Wrighton and Tony Janio.
- 3.2 The subsequent panel report was agreed without amendment by the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 5 March 2009. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix 1.

- 3.3 The recommendations in the report relate to the Council as well as a number of external partners. The review's findings have therefore been forwarded for comment to both Universities and Students Unions, landlord representatives and Sussex Police.
- 3.4 Given the fact that the report's recommendations have wider implications beyond the Council itself, it is proposed that they are referred to the next meeting of the Strategic Housing Board so that their views can be taken into account before the Cabinet formulates its response.

4. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 4.1 Full financial implications on each of the recommendations within the report will be assessed following feedback from external partners and presented with the Cabinet response on the 11 June.

Legal Implications:

- 4.2 It is within their power for Cabinet to refer the Students in the Community report to the Strategic Housing Partnership for comment. The final decision, however, remains with the Cabinet.

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Equalities Implications:

- 4.3 Any new activity instigated as a result of the ASCHOSC report will be equality impact assessed in line with the Council's equalities policy.

Sustainability Implications:

- 4.4 A number of the review recommendations have positive sustainability implications including reduced car usage and improved recycling and waste reduction. Many of the recommendations have no sustainability implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 4.5 The crime and disorder implications of the issue are generally dealt with in the body of the report e.g. noise nuisance.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 4.6 The impact of students on local community has presents both risks and opportunities, these form the central focus of the report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 4.7 The report addresses a number of the Council's priorities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee report into 'Students in the Community'.

