

Chichester District Council

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Review of the Internal Lettings Agency (Homefinder)

1. Contacts

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2. Recommendations

The committee is requested:

- 2.1. To consider the attached report to Cabinet on 7 July 2015, review the performance of the council's internal lettings agency Homefinder and confirm that Homefinder provides value for money to the council by preventing homelessness at a reasonable cost.
- 2.2. To recommend to Cabinet that the internal lettings agency Homefinder be continued subject to a review in 2020 after it has been running for a further period of 5 years.

3. Background

- 3.1. Homefinder was set up in April 2012 to allow improved access to the private rented sector to reduce and prevent homelessness.
- 3.2. Homefinder was reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 September 2013 and Cabinet on 8 October 2013 and it was resolved that the internal lettings agency be continued subject to a further review after it had been running for 3 years.
- 3.3. The attached Cabinet Report reviews the performance of Homefinder in its first three years of operation.

4. Outcomes to be achieved

- 4.1. Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the review of Homefinder and confirm that it provides value for money by preventing homelessness at a reasonable cost and to recommend to Cabinet that it be continued subject to a further review in five years.

5. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime & Disorder:		X
Climate Change:		X

Human Rights and Equality Impact:		X
Safeguarding: Homefinder can have a positive impact upon our ability to safeguard children and vulnerable adults because the Homefinder Officer visits a Homefinder Gold tenant in their home at least twice during each 6 month assured shorthold tenancy period. Any safeguarding concerns are reported to the Children's Access Point or Adult Services Access Point.	X	

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Report to Cabinet on the Review of the Internal Lettings Agency (Homefinder)

Appendix 2 - Review of the Internal Lettings Agency (Homefinder)