1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Linda Robinson (Rochdale), Derek Antrobus (Salford), Ged Cooney (Tameside), Paula Vickers (United Utilities), Chris Findley (Salford).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Derbyshire declared an interest in item 5, Private Rented Sector in Greater Manchester, and didn’t partake in any discussion under this item.
4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th JULY 2015

RESOLVED/-

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2015 be approved as a correct record.

5. PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR IN GREATER MANCHESTER

Paul Beardmore, Greater Manchester Housing Lead, presented a report updating members on the structure of the private rented sector (PRS) in Greater Manchester and key trends in the market.

Discussion ensued and key points and comments included:

- The growth of the PRS and different market segments, including the increasing potential of institutional investors.
- The role of Landlord Licensing Schemes, accreditation schemes and different models of lease management and how these have been applied in GM.
- The need to register and share effective practice on management of the PRS, coordinating some elements at a GM scale so we identify gaps and ensure that individual councils have the tools they need to address problems.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report and the implications for work required to improve the housing offer to Greater Manchester households and for housing delivery.
2. That a report on the points discussed be brought to a future meeting.

6. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS FOR SOCIAL HOUSING

Ian Munro, Chief Executive, New Charter gave a presentation detailing implications of the summer budget on social housing, including changes to:

- Universal Credit
- Housing benefit cap
- Tax credit
- rent policy
- Right to buy
- Pay to Stay
- Extension of DHP
- GM household tenure
- Government Policy
Discussion ensued and it was agreed that districts should work collaboratively with housing providers to understand the outcomes of the changes in different parts of GM and develop a response that is GM focused, seeking to retain assets and achieve the best outcomes for residents.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. That the Commission note and welcome the progress.
2. That district officers are asked to work with housing providers to develop a GM approach that can address issues discussed, with reports to future meetings.

**7. SPENDING REVIEW 2015**

Members received a presentation from Eamonn Boylan, Chief Executive, Stockport MBC detailing Greater Manchester’s submission to the Government’s Spending Review process. GM has developed a number of proposals for further reforms, freedoms and flexibilities which Government is currently considering. This includes proposals for:

- A transport investment and funding model to deliver the Northern Powerhouse
- Higher Education research and capital investment
- New funding mechanisms to support site remediation and infrastructure provision to accelerate the development of new housing
- Reform of the New Homes Bonus
- Making better use of social housing assets to support growth
- Devolution of stamp duty
- Locally led low carbon investment
- Greater devolution of business support service provision
- A scaled-up GM Reform Investment Fund
- A GM approach to data sharing across public agencies
- Co- decision making for Apprenticeship and Traineeship funding
- Further employment and skills reforms
- A fundamental review of the way that services for children are delivered
- Fiscal Reform around business rate reform, council tax reform, hotel bed tax, and air passenger duty reform
- Health and Social Care reform

These are all proposals which are being by the Government, with the final Spending Review announcements expected in late November.

**RESOLVED/-**

1. To note the presentation.

**8. HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND**

The Commission received a brief verbal progress report from Marie Hodgson, on the £300m Greater Manchester Housing Investment Fund.
The Greater Manchester Combined Authority have approved 6 schemes to date, totalling £66m in loans which will generate approximately 1,000 new homes.

Work is also underway with all districts to develop further proposals for the fund and the pipeline of schemes is being continually updated.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the update be noted and further information is brought to a future meeting.

9. ENTERPRISE ZONES BIDDING ROUND

Garreth Bruff introduced a report detailing the process set out by the Department of Communities and Local Government for a new round of Enterprise Zone bids and the four bids submitted for Greater Manchester.

Decisions on the bids for new enterprise zones are expected to be published alongside the Spending Review in late November.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the report.
2. That the outcomes of the bidding process is reported to a future meeting.

10. FUTURE MEETING DATES:

20th January 2016
13th April 2016

All meetings will be held from 2:30pm-4:30pm, Scrutiny Room, Manchester Town Hall