



DRAFT Work Outline

Private Rented Sector

Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Our key question(s):	How can the City Council make the best use of the Private Rented Sector and support tenants in private rented accommodation?
1. Anticipated outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding of the way the private rented sector is currently used and managed• Highlighting areas of concern and suggesting where improvements can be made• Identifying best practice elsewhere in the country• Discussion report to City Council in April 2019
2. Key lines of enquiry:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the scope of the PRS team; what legislation is available to them and what is their resource base?• How does PRS link in with supported living?• How does the Council use PRS for temporary accommodation?• What are the planning and licensing regulations?• What can we learn from people's experiences and best practice in other parts of the country?
3. What timescale do we propose to do this in?:	The work will be undertaken by the Committee in evidence gathering sessions from September to January and a discussion report will be presented to City Council in April 2019
4. Potential Witnesses:	<p>BCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>PRS Team (Julie Griffin/Matthew Smith)</i>• <i>Homelessness (Julie Griffin)</i>• <i>Birmingham Adult Safeguarding Board (Helen Baglee)</i>• <i>Licensing</i>• <i>Planning</i>• <i>Public Health?</i> <p>External:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Other local authorities (to be identified)</i>•



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Member / Officer Leads

Lead Member:	Councillor Penny Holbrook
Membership:	Councillors Penny Holbrook, Akhlaq Ahmed, Deirdre Alden, Gurdial Singh Atwal, Marje Bridle, Eddie Freeman, Roger Harmer and Mahmood Hussain
Lead Officer:	Emma Williamson/Jayne Power, Scrutiny Office

Time Frame for Core Phases of the Inquiry

Meetings and evidence-gathering sessions:	September - January
Drafting the report:	February
Consideration of the draft report by the Committee:	TBC
8-Day rule: Executive Comment:	TBC
Reporting to the City Council:	April 2019