

City Executive Board response to recommendations of the Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee) made on 10 April 2019 concerning Building Control Enforcement

Provided by the Board Members for Planning and Transport and Housing (Building Better Homes)

Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
1. That consideration is given to how to ensure that high quality delivery and best value will be secured when the Council (or its housing company) will be taking ownership of multiple new build properties, for example by employing or insisting on the employment of a Clerk of Works to oversee the quality and safety of the building work.	Agree	The Council already employs a clerk of works for the more complicated projects an example being the towers refurbishment. The latter also included the funding of a full time building control officer with a specific focus on fire safety. Smaller projects will have internal project management that has a quality control function but this is usually in tandem with ODSL as contractor. The Housing Company also employs a clerk of works function for their developments and will consider the use of OCC building control subject to a procurement process. The Council also employs a CoW for the Council/ OCHL units coming from the BOLLP on Barton Park. This is in addition to an exacting design and quality specification established by BOLLP.
2. That the Council continues to prioritise the successful practice of employing and training apprentices within the Building Control Service, giving particular emphasis to the need to ensure that an appropriate level of training and mentoring is provided by permanent staff.	Y	

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