

<b>Committee:</b> Housing Committee	<b>Date:</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
<b>Subject:</b> Chairs Update	<b>Wards Affected:</b> All
	<b>For Information</b>

### **YMCA update**

The YMCA have now started to accept referrals into the YMCA. Due to the level of refurbishment required they will be undertaking a phased opening of the building. At present there is not a confirmed opening date for the Scheme. A joint referral panel has been set up between Housing Options and the YMCA and referrals are currently being considered by the panel. Currently, we are working towards offering a specialised Housing Advise Service in partnership with the YMCA.

### **Community Alarms Closure**

The majority of users have now been transferred over to Lifeline 24. Currently, we have 9 remaining users that have not yet transferred over as we have not received any response to our efforts to contact them. We had originally intended for the project to be complete by January 2022 but had seen delays due to non-response by customers and in a high number of cases required a greater deal of one 2 one support in dealing with paperwork, setting up and testing equipment. Dedicated Housing Officers continue to work closely with Lifeline 24 to ensure a smooth transition in handover. It is anticipated that this project will be complete by July 2022.

### **Member briefing site visits**

Officers are currently in the process of drafting a programme of proposed member briefing site visits to both existing Housing Stock and also new development sites. These proposals will be circulated to all members of the Housing Committee for consultation in due course.

### **Home insulation grants**

The Council is actively working towards an application for the second wave of the Governments Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund. This is due to open for application in late August. We are working with our Partners Axis Europe and external consultants to identify eligible properties and ensure works are specified to the correct PAS2035 requirements. This piece of work is key for securing the relevant funding.

### **Key Performance Indicators**

At the March 2022 Environment, Enforcement and Housing Committee we set out that we are introducing 10 KPI's to present to future committees. We consider that these are judged to offer a mix of financial, technical and qualitative performance as a starting point and in similar format to that produced at the Audit and Scrutiny

Committee meetings. As new issues or priorities develop these can be adjusted for regular reporting and reviewed for their continued usefulness annually.