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Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Councillor Phil Dilks
Cabinet member for Housing and
Planning

Earlesfield Project Overview November 2023

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Purpose of the Report

To update the committee on the progress of the Earlesfield Project, providing an overview of the project position, completed works and projected timescales.

Recommendations

That Committee:

1. Note the contents of the report and the progress being made to deliver on the Earlesfield Project to resolve long standing issues within our housing stock.

Decision Information	
Is this a Key Decision?	No
Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication?	No
What are the relevant corporate priorities?	Housing that meets the needs of all residents
Which wards are impacted?	All

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 The budget required to complete the works associated with the Earlesfield Project is included in the approved 2023/24 Revenue and Capital budgets.

Completed by: Alison Hall-Wright, Deputy Director (Finance and ICT) and Deputy S151 Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 There are no significant legal and governance implications associated with this report which is to note progress made on the project.

Completed by: Graham Watts, Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 The Council has a clear commitment in its Corporate Plan 2020-2023 to provide "Housing that meets the needs of all residents" and the timely delivery of improvements to its social housing stock, which includes a significant number of properties on the Earlesfield Estate in Grantham, is a key element to this.
- 2.2 The report to the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21 September 2023 set out the progress on the project.

- 2.3 There have been site visits undertaken to completed properties by Cabinet Members and the ward members, the most recent visit was on the 25th of October 2023.
- 2.4 To date we have completed 23 property refurbishments. Progress on the project is continues to be made on the programme but has been slower due to contractor resources on site.
- 2.5 Discussions have been held with the contractor and additional resources are being brought on to the project to increase the turnaround on completed properties and the project remains on target for completion by the end of April 2025.

3. Key Considerations and Other Options Considered

- 3.1 It is anticipated that around 30 properties will be completed by the end of December 2023.
- 3.2 An updated copy of the programme is attached as Appendix 1.

4. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 4.1 Report is for information and noting.