

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

30 June 2016

COUNCILLOR ADRIAN LAWRENCE - CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING & COMMUNITY

For the period May to June 2016

Progress on Portfolio Matters.

The number on the housing register at the end of May 2016 was 1,588.

55 applicants were housed into Housing Association accommodation during May.

- The Gypsy and Traveller Needs Accommodation Assessment is nearing completion – a report will be prepared and circulated in due course.
- Self-build and Custom Build – Council members that are going to participate in a new policy task group to consider new policy and practice approaches have been confirmed as follows:-

Labour Group Member:
Sandra Collop

Conservative Members:
Colin Manning
Richard Blunt
Bal Anota
Tony Bubb

- We are working with Domestic Abuse victim charity Leeway to extend some of their services in response to increasing demand for advice and support services and increasing numbers of people fleeing domestic violence and needing refuge accommodation.
- Housing Standards are continuing to promote and educate landlords as to the requirements to comply with new legislation regarding the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Housing Standards also have a limited stock of free detectors available to landlords within the borough.

Housing Standards have had promising preliminary discussions with an

established insulation installer with a view to a potential borough wide promotion of energy efficiency measures, some of which will be free to residents through government grant funding. Further information will be circulated in due course

2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Cabinet meetings
Meetings with Licensing Officers
Meetings with Housing Officers
Portfolio Meetings
Tender opening
Careline meetings
Meeting with Herefordshire Housing
Panel Meetings
Meetings regarding advice services