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## **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That members receive the presentation from Fordham Research Ltd detailing the main findings from the Private Sector Stock Condition and Energy Efficiency Survey conducted in June/July 2004.
- 1.2 That members approve a further, detailed presentation of the full report to the Core Strategic Housing Forum in December 2004.
- 1.3 That members agree the proposal to redraft the current Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy in the light of the survey's findings and to receive a further report and the new draft at their Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

## **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To provide members with headline information from the Private Sector Stock Condition and Energy Efficiency Survey conducted by Fordham Research Ltd in June/July 2004 and detail proposals by which this information will be used to revise the Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The Housing Act 1985 places a duty on the local Authority to regularly consider the condition of the housing stock in the district in order to inform the Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy and the wider Housing Strategy.
- 3.2 Fordham Research Ltd was commissioned in January 2004 to undertake a survey of of 1100 private sector properties and to provide reliable information about the physical condition and energy efficiency of the private sector stock.
- 3.3 The presentation gives an overview of the main findings of the survey and these results are summarised in the Executive Summary attached at Annexe one.

- 3.4 It is proposed that consideration of the full report should be undertaken at the Core Strategic Housing Forum in December, together with a further detailed presentation by Fordham Research Ltd.
- 3.5 The current Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy will need to be revised and redrafted to reflect the housing needs and priorities identified by the survey report. The revised Strategy will ideally be ready for implementation in the new financial year with a prior draft presented to members for their consideration and approval at committee on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no immediate or direct financial implications associated with this report

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 The findings of the Private Sector Stock Condition and Energy Efficiency Survey and the needs and priorities of the district identified therein, will impact on the wider Housing Strategy.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 The outcome of the survey will inform the Councils actions and interventions enabling it to better meet the needs of District's private sector households.

#### **7.0 Background Papers**

- 7.1 The South Derbyshire Private Sector Stock Condition & Energy Efficiency Survey 2004 Executive Summary