

**COMMUNITY POLICY &  
REVIEW PANEL**

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**PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING SURVEY UPDATE**

This briefing paper provides an update on the Private Sector Housing Survey, attached is a graph that shows the hazards that have been identified.

The Survey so far:-

- Area1 - 580 properties
- Area2 - 518 properties
- Area3 - 560 properties
- Area 4 - 838 properties
- Area 5 - 467 properties
- Area 6 - 775 properties
- Area 7 - 372 Properties visited all 1st visits completed 122 2nd visits to be carried out

In total 4,110 properties have been visited and we have had a steady stream of cases requiring further action by the officers

Within the properties referred 138 hazards have been identified as defined in the HHSRS. Fire hazards were identified as the most prevalent with 26 cases being for a lack of smoke/fire detection.

Area 7 is due for completion by the end of next week. As expected, moving in to Farnborough has presented different challenges and we are finding that there are fewer disrepair cases, but the number of small HMO's being identified has increased. This means that each case referred is more complex and time consuming for the team. We are prioritising the cases and whilst we are unable to act on them instantly, they are being dealt within a reasonable timescale. I expect this to be the case in areas 8 and 9.

We are working well towards meeting our target of completing the 12 areas by the end of March 2017 and will be taking a pro-active approach should we complete them earlier, by going back to some of the areas again. As you know things move on so quickly in the private rented sector that I think that this will be worthwhile, if we have time.

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Category of Hazard Found

