

Response to inspection report

East Dorset District Council

Strategic Housing Services

Introduction

This response has been prepared by East Dorset District Council following an inspection carried out by the Audit Commission's Housing Inspectorate. Inspected bodies are asked to prepare responses to the Inspectorate's reports which set out how the report's recommendations will be met and how services to users will be improved following the inspection. The Commission has editorial control over the content of the responses of inspected bodies.

Response

East Dorset District Council is extremely disappointed with the outcome of this inspection. However, it is pleased that the Audit Commission has noted that there is an appetite amongst East Dorset councillors to improve the service.

The Council has developed a comprehensive action plan and many of the issues highlighted in the report are already being addressed. However, there are constraints around how far this can go. For example, the Council has made a promise not to build on the greenbelt and there are issues around developing near to the district's heathland.

With these points in mind, I am sure that the Council will now prove that it is more than capable of delivering and sustaining improvements to its housing service for the benefit of East Dorset residents.