

<b>Item No.</b> 6.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 24 June 2020	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Housing Scrutiny Commission
<b>Report title:</b>		Update on Brandon District Heating System	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		Newington Ward	
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>		Councillor Kieron Williams, Cabinet Member for Housing Management and Modernisation	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the housing scrutiny commission note the update on Brandon District Heating System.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Brandon district heating system serves approx. 580 properties and serves the Brandon 1 and 2 sections of the Brandon estate. Brandon 2 receives its heating and hot water via the Wyndham Boiler House. 4 boilers provide the service, 3 were replaced in 2014 and the remaining boiler dates back to circa 1980. The underground heating mains were replaced in 2011.
3. An extensive major works project to refurbish the 9 plant rooms has now been completed and is now in a defect liability period ending in February 2021. This project incurred a cost of approx. £900,000.
4. Planned maintenance works within the boiler house are continuing over the summer period

## Recent issues

5. It would be fair to say that some residents received interruptions to service during the changeover to the plant rooms during the recent refurbishment. This was due to the system dynamics being changed to allow a reduction in pressure to properties to extend life of the heating system and allow local isolation of blocks. We believe these issues now to be resolved after Engineering Services and our term contractors worked together with BSW Ltd (the major works contractor).

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Explanation of Brandon Heating
Appendix 2	Wyndham and Brandon Costs (Planned Preventative Maintenance and responsive repairs)

## AUDIT TRAIL

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Director of Law and Democracy		No	-
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance		No	-
Cabinet Member		Yes	Yes
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