

REPORT TO: SHAREHOLDER SUB COMMITTEE

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TITLE: SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT

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RECOMMENDED that:

A The Shareholder Sub Committee (SSC) notes the report.

BACKGROUND

1. HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd (HTS) continue to produce an annual Social Impact Report to the Shareholder Sub Committee.
2. This is to demonstrate the Social Impact of its contractual activities in the period 2021. For 2021, particular emphasis is on its response to and emergence from the Covid-19 pandemic.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

3. The key findings were as follows:
 - a) HTS contributed significantly to the Covid pandemic response in 3 main impact areas: supporting the public health response, mitigating negative economic impacts, protecting, and enhancing the wellbeing of staff and the Harlow community.
 - b) HTS still continued to create social value in relation to key core CSR objectives as well being able to quantify social impact through work experience, protecting and enhancing employment, apprenticeships, volunteering, and supporting community organisations.
 - c) Of the activities which can be monetised HTS created £383,185 social (wellbeing) value and £171,630 of public sector costs savings and economic benefits as well as making £90,000 worth of donations and staff time to charitable and community causes in the 2020-21 year.
 - d) Analysis of the Streets2Homes partnership project update report shows that HTS renovation of Bromley Cottages has continued to play a part in generating additional social outcomes such as reducing rough sleeping, helping to move people into secure tenancies and tangible access to a range of services. (full report at Appendix 1, available by kind permission of Streets2Homes).

4. A full copy of the report is attached for more detail.

IMPLICATIONS:

Environment and Planning (includes Sustainability)

As contained in the report.

Author: **Andrew Bramidge, Director of Strategic Growth and Regeneratio.**

Finance (Includes ICT and Property and Facilities)

As set out in the report.

Author: **Simon Freeman, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance**

Housing

As outlined in the report.

Author: **Andrew Murray, Director of Housing**

Community Wellbeing

None specific.

Author: **Jane Greer, Director of Communities and Environment**

Governance (includes HR)

None specific.

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Appendices

Appendix A - HTS 2020/21 Covid response and social impact report.

Background Papers

None.

Glossary of terms/abbreviations used

HTS – HTS (Property and Environment) Ltd