

10. HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES UPDATE -

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of the service activities within the Whitburn and Blackburn ward for the period 1 October – 31 December 2019.

The Committee discussed the impact the increasing number of recipients on Universal Credit was having on rent arrears across the ward. Members noted that whilst mainstream arrears were decreasing, the level of arrears for Universal Credit claimants was increasing. The Housing Manager endeavoured to provide ward members with a full breakdown on the spread of Universal Credit claimants within the ward broken down by town/village.

The committee was invited to note the service activity as details in the ward report for the period 1 October 2019 – 31 December 2019.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.