Housing Scrutiny Commission

Work Programme 2024 – 2025

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendations / Actions	Progress
11 July 2024	Housing Overview	Information to be circulated to Members on demands of new Government to protect HRA and allow builds.	Open letter to the Secretary of State and Interim Report provided.
		Temporary Accommodation and progress on spend of £45m to be added to work programme to update Commission.	Added to work programme to seek updates.
		Latest data on Who Gets Social Housing to be shared with the Commission.	Information provided and updated report due to be discussed at 27 August 2024 meeting.
		Data on percentage of applicants that apply to the housing register but do not meet eligibility criteria to be circulated.	Information circulated.
	Housing Regulator	The Commission recommended that housing enquiries from tenants, councillors and members of the public be responded to in ten working days.	With officers to review the recommendation.
		The Commission requested to be involved in tenant involvement discussions.	Ward Councillors to be invited to sessions and added to work programme for further discussion.
	Rent Arrears Annual Report	The Commission noted the report and commended the work of the service.	TOT TATETOT AIDOUGGIOTI.

	House Builds & Acquisitions Update	The Commission requested a site visit be arranged.	Site visit arranged and Members invited.
	Environmental Budget & Public Realm Works 2024-25	The Commission noted the report.	
27 August 2024	Repairs & Maintenance performance report	Information to be shared with the Commission on the updated communication regarding damp and mould and options when assessing a property.	Information circulated.
	Homelessness Services update	The Commission requested the City Mayor write to new Ministers regarding the impact and requirement for additional funding for asylum cases.	
		The Commission requested officers speak with Leeds about their policy to not use B&B's as temporary accommodation.	Benchmarking undertaken and information provided to Members.
		Data to be provided on the impact of services on people rough sleeping or entrenched street lifestyles being successful in retaining tenancies.	Information circulated.
		Information to be shared on a snapshot of families residing in temporary accommodation for longer than 6 weeks.	Information circulated.
		Links to private rented sector team schemes to incentivise landlords to continue for tenancies to be sustained to be shared.	Information circulated.

	DFG / Adaptations update	Impact of adaptations to be added to work programme for members to receive information on new feedback form.	Information circulated.
		Adaptations Strategy to be added to work programme.	Added to the work programme.
		Breakdown of adapted homes as part of new build programmes to be shared.	Information circulated.
		Information to be shared on numbers of properties that have been adapted and not permitted to be sold through RTB.	Information circulated.
	Who gets Social Housing?	Information to be shared with the Commission on breakdown of housing demand/need by ward.	Information circulated.
		Information to be shared on formal scheme of options/incentives for moving to more suitable sized accommodation.	Information circulated.
12 November 2024	Chair's Announcements	Housing development site visit for early 2025 to be arranged.	Completed.
	Homelessness & Complex Needs Inquiry Day Findings	Homelessness services leaflet to be circulated to Members.	Sent to Members

		Members invited to attend rough sleeper count.	Sent to Members
	Selective Licensing		
	Housing Safety		
7 January 2025	Housing Revenue Account Budget Proposals 2025/26	District heating to be added to the work programme.	Complete.
		New build and Acquisitions profile to be shared with Members.	Information requested.
		A guideline on the timeframe of RTB applications to be provided if details are shared with officers.	Process shared with Members to provide details to officers.
		Alternative construction methods to be added to the work programme as either a topic or site visit.	Complete.
	General Fund Budget Proposals 2025/26		
	District Services	A housing officer to attend Belgrave ward at Member's request.	Complete
18 March	Succession Policy		
2025	Tenant Involvement proposals		
	Housing Crisis update		

Suggested items tbc:		
Apprentice Programme & WIC		
Supported Housing proposals		
Maintenance Charges update		
	Apprentice Programme & WIC Supported Housing proposals	Apprentice Programme & WIC Supported Housing proposals

Forward Plan Items (suggested)

Topic	Detail	Proposed Date
Adaptations Strategy	The Commission requested to be updated on development of an adaptations strategy. Further request that a report include the impact of adaptations to be discussed.	
Alternative construction methods	Discussed on 07.01.25 and interest shown to see alternative buildings either come as a topic or site visit. Site development with these methods is Lanesborough Road and not due to be developed until 2026/27.	
Channel Shift Update		
Damp & Mould – PRS Online Portal	It was highlighted at meeting on 19 September 2023 that portal is in development and agreed to come back to update the Commission.	
District Heating		
Housing Allocations Policy		

Housing Capital Programme Update	The Commission requested that they receive regular updates on progress regarding new build developments.	
Housing Crisis Action Plan	The Commission requested to be kept updated on action plan.	
Housing Support		
Local Plan		
Migration Update		
Overcrowding Strategy Update		
Private Rented Sector Strategy Update		
Temporary Accommodation	The Commission requested to be kept updated on the utilisation of the £45m agreed at Council to increase temporary accommodation units.	