

## Housing Scrutiny Commission

### Work Programme 2024 – 2025

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendations / Actions	Progress
11 July 2024	<b>Housing Overview</b>	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.
	<b>Housing Regulator</b>	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.
	<b>Rent Arrears Annual Report</b>	The Commission noted the report and commended the work of the service.	

	<b>House Builds &amp; Acquisitions Update</b>	The Commission requested a site visit be arranged.	Site visit arranged and Members invited.
	<b>Environmental Budget &amp; Public Realm Works 2024-25</b>	The Commission noted the report.	
<b>27 August 2024</b>	<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance performance report</b>	Information to be shared with the Commission on the updated communication regarding damp and mould and options when assessing a property.	Information circulated.
	<b>Homelessness Services update</b>	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.

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



		<p>Dates and locations of housing pop up offices to be circulated to Members</p> <p>Tenant scrutiny panel updates to be provided to the commission</p> <p>Discussion on tenants engaging with Housing Scrutiny</p> <p>Report to be brought back to scrutiny on engagement strategy for those on the waiting list for social housing - Add to work programme</p> <p>Report to be circulated/ brought back on work done by Southwark Council mentioned by Cllr Cutkelvin</p> <p>Renters Reform Bill to be added to work programme to come back</p> <p>Private rented sector update and refresh to be added to work programme to come back</p> <p>Selective licensing update to be added to work programme to come back</p> <p>Answer to be provided on process and charge of council tax on second homes that are empty for a period of time</p>	<p>Completed.</p> <p>Action circulated.</p> <p>Action circulated.</p> <p>Action circulated. Added to work programme.</p> <p>Complete.</p> <p>Added to work programme.</p> <p>Added to work programme.</p> <p>Added to work programme.</p> <p>Complete.</p>
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### Housing Crisis update

<b>22 April 2024</b>	Apprentice Programme & WIC Supported Housing proposals Repairs Performance		
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### 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. An update was received on 18 March 2025.	
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.	
Engagement Strategy	The Commission requested a report to be brought back to scrutiny on the engagement strategy for those on the waiting list for social housing	
Renters Reform Bill		
Selective Licensing Update		
Maintenance Charges Update	Still awaiting. The Commission is keen to see this report as soon as it is ready.	
Pop up Housing Offices	The pilot will be complete in early 2026. A request for an update to be brought back once it is completed and information on how the programme will continue moving forward.	