

Report for: Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel – 7 March 2017

Title: Work Programme Update

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Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 This report gives details of the proposed scrutiny work programme for the remainder of the municipal year and highlights outstanding items of work for consideration in developing a work programme for 2017/18.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 (a) That the Panel considers its future work programme, attached at **Appendix A**, and considers whether any amendments are required.

(b) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be asked to endorse any amendments, at (a) above, at its next meeting.

4. Reasons for decision

The work programme for Overview and Scrutiny was agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 21st July 2016. Arrangements for implementing the work programme have progressed and the latest plans for the Panel are outlined in **Appendix A**.

5. Alternative options considered

- 5.1 The Panel could choose not to review its work programme however this could diminish knowledge of the work of Overview and Scrutiny and would fail to keep the full membership updated on any changes to the work programme.

6. Background information

- 6.1 The careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility. At its first meeting

of the municipal year on 6th June 2016, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed a process for developing the 2016/17 scrutiny work programme.

- 6.2 Following this meeting, a number of activities took place, including a public survey and Scrutiny Cafe, where over 90 suggestions, including a number from members of the public, were discussed by scrutiny members, council officers, partners, and community representatives. From these activities issues were prioritised and an indicative work programme agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 21st July 2016.
- 6.3 Whilst Scrutiny Panels are non-decision making bodies, i.e. work programmes must be approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, this item gives the Panel an opportunity to oversee and monitor its work programme and to suggest amendments. The work programme is attached at **Appendix A**.

Forward Plan

- 6.4 Since the implementation of the Local Government Act and the introduction of the Council's Forward Plan, scrutiny members have found the Plan to be a useful tool in planning the overview and scrutiny work programme. The Forward Plan is updated each month but sets out key decisions for a 3 month period.
- 6.5 To ensure the information provided to the Panel is up to date, a copy of the most recent Forward Plan can be viewed via the link below:

<http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RP=110&RD=0&J=1>

- 6.6 The Panel may want to consider the Forward Plan and discuss whether any of these items require further investigation or monitoring via scrutiny.

Recommendations, Actions and Responses

- 6.7 The issue of making, and monitoring, recommendations/actions is an important part of the scrutiny process. A verbal update on actions completed since the last meeting will be provided by the Principal Scrutiny Officer.

7 Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 7.1 The individual issues included within the work plan were identified following consideration by relevant Members and officers of the priorities within the Corporate Plan. Their selection was specifically based on their potential to contribute to strategic outcomes.

8 Statutory Officers Comments

Finance and Procurement

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report. Should any of the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny generate recommendations with financial implications then these will be highlighted at that time.

Legal

- 8.2 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.
- 8.3 Under Section 21 (6) of the Local Government Act 2000, an Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to appoint one or more sub-committees to discharge any of its functions.
- 8.4 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the approval of the future scrutiny work programme and the appointment of Scrutiny Panels (to assist the scrutiny function) falls within the remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 8.5 Scrutiny Panels are non-decision making bodies and the work programme and any subsequent reports and recommendations that each scrutiny panel produces must be approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Such reports can then be referred to Cabinet or Council under agreed protocols.

Equality

- 8.6 The Council has a public sector equality duty under the Equalities Act (2010) to have due regard to:
- Tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
 - Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.
- 8.7 The Panel should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them within its work plan, as well as individual pieces of work. This should include considering and clearly stating;
- How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share the nine protected characteristics;
 - Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate;
 - Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Haringey;
 - Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people, are being realised.

- 8.8 The Panel should ensure that equalities comments are based on evidence. Wherever possible this should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

9 Use of Appendices

Appendix A – Work Programme

10 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 External web links have been provided in this report. Haringey Council is not responsible for the contents or reliability of linked websites and does not necessarily endorse any views expressed within them. Listings should not be taken as an endorsement of any kind. It is your responsibility to check the terms and conditions of any other web sites you may visit. We cannot guarantee that these links will work all of the time and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.

Appendix A: Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme 2016/17

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Details and desired outcome	Lead Officer / Witnesses
27th June 2016	Terms of Reference	To note terms of reference for the panel	Martin Bradford, Policy Officer
	Temporary Accommodation	A presentation of the current financial and policy issues in temporary accommodation and current approach. To assist in scoping possible scrutiny involvement.	Denise Gandy, Homes for Haringey
	Work Programme	Outcomes from scrutiny Cafe, confirmation of work programme for 2016/17 and selection of those reviews taken forward in year ahead	Martin Bradford, Policy Officer
	Viability assessment	Emerging conclusions from Scrutiny Review (dependent on meeting before 27 th June)	Martin Bradford, Policy Officer / Panel
3rd October 2016	Cabinet Q & A	Cabinet member for Housing & Regeneration to respond to questions on this portfolio	Cllr Strickland/ Mustafa Ibrahim/ Andrew Billany/ Dan Hawthorn
	Right to Buy Receipts	An update on the how Right to Buy receipts are used to support affordable homes.	Mustafa Ibrahim
	Budget Monitoring/ Performance Monitoring	To review and monitor budget and performance issues within the remit of the HRSP.	Joe Moore (TBC) / Boe Williams/Margaret Gallagher
	Supported Housing for Older People	Recommendations from review	Martin Bradford, Panel
	Development Vehicle	Update of progress of review	Martin Bradford, Panel

	Work Programme	Review - update of programme of activities	Martin Bradford, Policy Officer
14th December 2016	Budget scrutiny of MTFS proposals to 2022	To consult the panel on savings and investment proposals as part of the MTFS to 2022.	Cllr Strickland and Cllr Goldberg Alan Benson, Emma Williamson, Andrew Billany
	Haringey Development Vehicle	To agree panels report and recommendations on governance arrangements for the Haringey Development Vehicle.	Martin Bradford / HRSP
6th February 2017	Cabinet Q & A	The Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Social Inclusion and Sustainability is asked to give a brief (no more than 5 minutes) introduction and, as set out in the Panel's terms of reference, questions will focus on: Wood Green Regeneration, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction.	Cllr Goldberg
	Selective Licensing	Verbal update on plans / timetable to introduce Selective Licensing or extend the use of Mandatory Licensing. A full update will be provided later in 2017.	Eubert Malcolm/ Steve Russell
	Tottenham & Wood Green Regeneration Programme (Economic and Social)	This report will provide updates on both the Tottenham Regeneration & Wood Green Regeneration Programmes (economic and social). Information will be provided on both High Streets.	Helen Fisher / Dan Hawthorn / Liz Skelland
	High Streets	Update on the work undertaken to support local Metropolitan and District High Streets. A short report / briefing paper will be submitted while a presentation (with photos) will be provided on the night.	Vicky Clark/ Beth Kay

	Supported Housing Review	<p>A short report will be prepared, outlining where things stand and what happens next. This will give panel members an opportunity to contribute the insight they gained from the scrutiny in a day session held in September specifically about older people.</p> <p>A presentation will also be given at the meeting.</p> <p>Moving forwards, officers will include a paragraph in the March Cabinet report to describe feedback given by the Panel to ensure the scrutiny research is put to good use.</p>	Alan Benson / Gill Taylor
	Work Programme	Review - update of programme of activities	Scrutiny Officer
9th February 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing Allocations Policy - Tenancy Strategy - Homelessness Strategy & Delivery Plan - Intermediate Housing Policy 	A joint meeting with members of Overview & Scrutiny Committee to discuss a) the outcomes from the consultations on various housing strategies b) implications for new housing strategies on social inclusion.	Nick Smith, Alan Benson, Jeanelle de Gruchy
7th March 2016	Cabinet Q & A	Cabinet member for Housing & Regeneration to respond to questions on this portfolio	Cllr Strickland
	Community Infrastructure Levy	Update on previous review completed in 15/16 – Inclusion of new policy (if ready).	Emma Williamson/ Matthew Patterson

	Supporting engagement and Involvement in the Local Planning System	Verbal update on work being undertaken to help improve engagement, involvement and community confidence in the local planning system.	AD Planning, Emma Williamson
	Council led development	Update on review completed in 2015/16 – approved by Cabinet in December 2015.	Alan Benson
	Work Programme	Review - update of programme of activities Identification of any carry over items	Scrutiny Officer

Project Work

Haringey Development Vehicle

On 17 January 2017, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approved the (interim) report of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel (HRSP) on the governance arrangements for the proposed Haringey Development Vehicle (HDV), a joint venture between the Council and a private partner to support local housing and regeneration ambitions. In developing its report, the HRSP held a number of evidence gathering sessions and received evidence from local stakeholders including council officers, community group representatives, other local authorities, Investment Partners in other joint ventures and expert independent opinion via the Chartered Institute of Housing. The HRSP made a number of recommendations, including that further scrutiny of the proposals for the establishment of the proposed HDV should be undertaken between January and summer 2017.

Future Items

- Selective Licensing Update Report (October 2017 TBC) – following February’s verbal update (Eubert Malcolm)
- To consider how the Council is performing against housing supply commitments within the policy framework (suggested by OSC as part of the Sale of Land at Kerswell Close Call-In – [minutes available here](#))
- Emergency accommodation. To review the nature and level of support provided to people presenting as homeless and in crisis and to assess further opportunities to increase supply or stem demand for emergency accommodation (Andrew Billany / Denise Gandy)
- The work of the Decision Panel, how it operates and how this could be improved (Andrew Billany / Denise Gandy)