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To: All Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Dear Member,

Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Tuesday, 1st December, 2020

I attach a copy of the following reports for the above-mentioned meeting which were not available at the time of collation of the agenda:

6. CALL-IN: ALTERATIONS POLICY FOR LEASEHOLDERS (PAGES 1 - 2)

Late Business Item – Clarification Note

Yours sincerely

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LATE BUSINESS SHEET

Title: Alterations Policy for Leaseholders – Report of the Director for Housing, Regeneration and Planning responding to call in

Item - item 6E

Clarification and update of paragraph 7.8

Date: 1 December 2020

Reason for lateness and reason for urgent consideration

Councillor Cawley-Harrison has raised concerns in respect of section 7.8 of the report to be presented to the Special Overview and Scrutiny on 1 December 2020: ‘Call-In of a decision taken by Cabinet on 10 November 2020 to approve the Alterations Policy for Leaseholders’. This section reads as follows:-

“HfH has advised they do not have a record of receiving any member enquiries from Councillor Cawley-Harrison regarding the standard of major works since the current administration was elected”.

Please can the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note that Officers apologise for the misunderstanding in the interpretation of what constitutes ‘major works’ in the above report, to be presented to the Special Overview and Scrutiny on 1 December 2020. To clarify that Councillor Cawley-Harrison did highlight to Cabinet on the 10th of November and through the member enquiries process, a long running delay in fitting a front entrance door to a leaseholder’s property, that Homes for Haringey responded to in writing on 31 July 2020.

In addition, Homes for Haringey has reviewed the member enquiries received from Councillor Barnes since May 2019, including the most recent one that was received on 3 August 2020. This concerned a leak into a property, that was impacting on the electrics, as well as an exposed wire, following a major works heating upgrade in 2019. Homes for Haringey responded in writing to Councillor Barnes in respect of her enquiry on 17 August 2020.

The remaining queries incorporated within Councillor Cawley-Harrison’s enquiry, are answered within the ‘excerpt of the minutes of meeting of Cabinet held on 10 November’. These are shown on pages 65-70 of the Call-In report pack.

This clarification note is considered urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972. That provision states “*An item of business may not be considered at a meeting of a principal council unless ... by reason of special*

circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the chairman of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency”.

Concurrence of the Acting Democratic and Scrutiny Services Manager to the submission of this late item of business in accordance with Part 5 Section D – Protocol for Decision-Making - Paragraph 1.4.