

**Report for:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 17 March 2022

**Title:** Scrutiny Review: Sheltered Housing – Access to Health & Social Care Services

**Report authorised by:** Cllr Pippa Connor, Chair of Adults & Health Scrutiny Panel

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

## 1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 Under the agreed terms of reference, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) can assist the Council and the Cabinet in its budgetary and policy framework through conducting in-depth analysis of local policy issues and can make recommendations for service development or improvement. The Committee may:
- (a) Review the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;
  - (b) Conduct research to assist in specific investigations. This may involve surveys, focus groups, public meetings and/or site visits;
  - (c) Make reports and recommendations, on issues affecting the authority's area, or its inhabitants, to Full Council, its Committees or Sub-Committees, the Executive, or to other appropriate external bodies.
- 1.2 In this context, the Adults & Health Scrutiny Panel agreed to set up a review project in 2021/22 to examine access to health and social care services for residents of sheltered housing.

## 2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

## 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Committee approve the report and its recommendations and that it be submitted to Cabinet for response.

## 4. Reasons for decision

- 4.1 The Committee is requested to approve the report and the recommendations within it so that it may be submitted to Cabinet for response.

## 5. Alternative options considered

- 5.1 The Committee could amend the report before submitting it to Cabinet or could decide not to agree the report and its recommendations, which would mean that it could not be referred to Cabinet for response.

## **6. Background information**

- 6.1 The context and background to the review is outlined in Section 3 of the report and the terms of reference for the review is outlined in Section 4 of the report.

## **7. Contribution to strategic outcomes**

- 7.1 This review relates to Priorities 1 & 2 of the Borough Plan:

- Priority 1: Housing – “A safe, stable and affordable home for everyone, whatever their circumstances.”
- Priority 2 – People: A Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential.

## **8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

### **Finance**

- 8.1 None.

### **Legal**

- 8.2 Under Section 9F Local Government Act 2000 (“The Act”), Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the powers to review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any executive and non-executive functions and to make reports or recommendations to the executive or to the authority with respect to the discharge of those functions. Overview and Scrutiny Committee also have the powers to make reports or recommendations to the executive or to the authority on matters which affect the authority’s area or the inhabitants of its area.

- 8.3 Pursuant to the above provision, Overview and Scrutiny Committee has conducted a review of High Road West Regeneration Scheme and made a number of recommendations to Cabinet. Overview and Scrutiny Committee must by notice in writing require Cabinet to consider the report and recommendations. Once approved, the report and recommendations should be presented to the next available Cabinet meeting together with an officer report where appropriate.

- 8.4 Under Section 9FE of the LGA, there is a duty on Cabinet to respond to the Report, indicating what (if any) action Cabinet proposes to take, within 2 months of receiving the report and recommendations.

### **Equality**

- 8.5 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.
- 8.6 The Committee has aimed to consider these duties within this review and, in particular;
- 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.

## **9. Use of Appendices**

Appendix A: Draft report of Scrutiny Review – Sheltered Housing – Access to Health and Social Care Services

## **10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**