

Housing, Planning & Development Scrutiny Panel

Work Plan 2024 – 2026

1. Scrutiny review projects; These are dealt with through a combination of specific evidence gathering meetings that will be arranged as and when required and other activities, such as visits. Should there not be sufficient capacity to cover all these issues through in-depth pieces of work, they could instead be addressed through a “one-off” item at a scheduled meeting of the Panel. These issues will be subject to further development and scoping. It is proposed that the Committee consider issues that are “cross cutting” in nature for review by itself i.e., ones that cover the terms of reference of more than one of the panels.		
Project	Comments	Priority
TA Placements Policy & TA Discharge of Duty Policy	The Panel would like to do a short review to align with the development of these two strategies. The Panel would like to look at Temporary Accommodation and how the organisation decides who is placed in what type of property. The Panel is concerned about the use of expensive nightly paid accommodation and the use of Travelodges. The Panel would also like to look at the types of accommodation that we place people in to discharge out housing duty, particularly use of the private rented sector.	

2. “One-off” Items; These will be dealt with at scheduled meetings of the Panel. The following are suggestions for when particular items may be scheduled.	
Date	Potential Items

2024/25	
30 July 24	• Terms of Reference • Housing Asset Management Plan • Leaseholders • Fire Safety Action Plan
26 September 2024	• Housing Strategy & Policies Programme • HRA Capital Governance • Placemaking Programmes and Funding • Response to Ombudsman Complaint in relation to Planning Application HGY/2022/4537
05 November 2024	• Housing Associations • Work Programme
21 November 2024 (Budget Meeting)	• Budget scrutiny
06 March 2025	• Local Plan (TBC) • Aids & Adaptations (Joint update from Adults & Housing) • Update on the Council's Housebuilding Programme • Allocations Policy • Cabinet Member Questions (Cllr Williams) * The finalised list of items for this agenda will be agreed closer to the time and will be dependent upon the wider submission timescales for the Local Plan and the Allocations Policy.
2025/26	

Meeting 1	• Terms of Reference • Update on the Housing Improvement Programme and outstanding actions from the Social Housing regulator referral • Repairs and Cyclical maintenance of existing estates • 12 month update on the actions from the Review into PRS
Meeting 2	• Update on Fire Safety Actions • Cabinet Member questions (Cllr Gordon)
Meeting 3	• Update on Homelessness and TA. • Further update on the Neighbourhood Moves Scheme (Update on its implementation and progress to date) • Cabinet Member questions (Cllr Williams)
Meeting 4 (Budget)	• Budget Scrutiny • Update on Legal Disrepair claims
Meeting 5	• New Social Housing Consumer Standards • Voids

Indicative future agenda items:

- Local Plan update
- Allocations Policy
- An update on zero carbon future building projects and zero carbon demolition projects. It was suggested that this could dovetail with an update on the Local Plan.
- Complaints and how do we handle these? Learning from complaints.