



Haringey Council

Briefing for:	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel 3 rd November 2013	Item Number:	
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Title:	Work programme – development and monitoring
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Ward(s) affected: All	Report for Key/Non Key Decisions:
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1. Agreed work programme areas

- 1.1 Further to the discussions above, and in confirmation with the panel, it has been agreed that the Housing & Regeneration Panel incorporate the following issues within its work programme for 2014/15.

Project (depth piece of work undertaken by the panel)

Delivery of affordable housing (particularly in relation to infill sites);

- How is the Council performing?
- Are there any processes that can speed up homebuilding, what can be learnt from other authorities in respect of:
 - New legal structures that might assist this
 - What new financial structures might assist this
 - Funding streams available to support this – e.g. right to buy, HRA.

Short reports (as produced by relevant services to the panel)

- Update on Housing Unification and Improvement Programme – there is particular interest in respect of the prospective closure of APEX house and future customer service arrangements for housing service clients;
- Haringey Housing Strategy – the panel will be involved in the consultation as agreed with AD for regeneration;
- Homelessness Strategy – the panel would like to be involved in the consultation or preparation of this report;
- Haringey Preferred Partnership Agreement (with Registered Housing Providers);
- Update on Tottenham Regeneration plans;

- Homes for Haringey – to invite Managing Director of Homes for Haringey together with Head of Commissioned Services;
 - Update on those properties owned by the council which are occupied by guardians number, how long they have been empty, and when heading back in to use;
 - Asset Management Programme (particularly plans to dispose those properties/sites surplus to requirements and those that could potentially be used for social housing);
 - Future plans for the Councils Community buildings.
- 1.2 The scheduling within the work programme of the above is as set out in the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel forward plan (Appendix A).

Performance Monitoring

- 1.3 To minimise duplication, it has been agreed that general performance monitoring would be undertaken by Overview & Scrutiny Committee (in line with Cabinet timetable). Scrutiny panels however, would monitor the performance of up to 3 key service areas within their remit. The Housing & Regeneration Panel agreed that it would monitor:
- Planning Enforcement – this will be incorporated into Cabinet Member for Planning Q and A sessions.
 - Provision of affordable homes – this will be incorporated within the panel project (as set out in 7.1)

Cabinet Member Question and Answer sessions

- 1.4 Under agreed scrutiny protocols, Cabinet Members will be invited to attend relevant scrutiny panels twice each year to discuss issues within their portfolio area. The format of Cabinet Q and A is not prescribed and can be varied according to local agreement between the Chair and Cabinet member. There is an assumption however, that questions will not be submitted (or answers provided) in advance of panel meetings.
- 1.5 Cabinet Members whose portfolio area that is covered by the Environment and Housing Scrutiny Panel are:
- Cabinet Member for the Environment
 - Cabinet Member for Housing.
- 1.6 Appropriate Cabinet Members have been invited to attend the Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel and have been scheduled in the to the forward plan (Appendix A).

Budget Scrutiny

- 1.7 The budget (Medium Term Financial Plan) is scrutinised by each Scrutiny Panel in their respective areas and subsequent reports with their recommendations to be ratified by Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The areas of the budget which are not covered by the scrutiny panels are considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. As per protocol, the Vice Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee shall be responsible for the co-ordination of the Budget Scrutiny process.

- 1.8 To allow the Overview and Scrutiny and scrutiny panels to scrutinise the budget in advance of it formally being set and convey those recommendations to the Cabinet, the following timescales (exact timings are still being finalised and agreed):

November 2014	Financial Planning (Budget) Monitoring: Cabinet 18 th November 2014
December 2014	Draft Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) published
December 2014	Government Spending Review (Autumn Statement)
8th December 2014	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise MTFP and any budget saving identified in its area of responsibility. Cabinet Members / Snr. officers attend to respond to panel questions
December 18th	Recommendations of scrutiny panels considered and approved by Overview & Scrutiny Committee
27th January 2015	Final Budget Scrutiny Report approved by OSC
10th February 2015	OSC recommendations from the Budget Scrutiny process, ratified by the OSC, referred to Cabinet. As part of the budget setting process, the Cabinet will clearly set out its response to the recommendations/ proposals made by the OSC in relation to the budget.
23rd February 2015	Budget setting at Full Council

Cabinet Forward Plan (pre decision scrutiny)

- 5.12 In considering its future work plan, the Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel may wish to consider or note the Council Forward Plan (future key decisions taken by the Cabinet). Items or decisions to be taken by Cabinet (up until November 2014) and which fall within the remit of this panel attached in Appendix C.

Appendix A - List of all work programme topics suggested through the CfPS review

- Integration of health and social care
- Housing – private sector housing, tenants support.
- Universal credit and wider welfare reform – how prepared council is, how prepared community is.
- Mental health – CAMHS especially child to adult transition
- Waste management street sweeping
- Housing, land sales, social housing and regeneration
- Managing cuts
- Transformation programmes – fundamental to council's savings plans and future operation.
- Regeneration
- Community resilience e.g. different ways of working and working with community, existing groups, e.g. different ways of doing parks management
- Access to health services, tackling obesity
- Customer services - Channel shift and on-line services
- Public engagement and involvement
- Supporting parks
- Tackling childhood obesity
- Creating a high skills economy
- Post-16 education
- On-line services
- Munro report implementation
- Housing associations' compliance with planning permission conditions, management practices – engaging with external partners even where no formal powers
- Landlord licensing – get an evidence base for it, investigate IT, legal provisions – scrutiny could investigate details of what would work in Haringey
- Children – looking at academies and community schools comparisons, ensuring using all the authority's powers
- Care homes – ditto re looking at external providers on behalf of residents
- Scrutiny fulfilling role of looking at a range of providers as part of democratic representative role, facilitating council's role as enabler.
- Early help and prevention work - could be cross cutting
- Haringey 54,000 – contract with Impower, also safely bringing down numbers of children in care
- Adults social care and health integration
- Budget – strategy
- Service transformation – how are residents being involved

Appendix B - Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel – Forward Plan (September 2014)

Meeting date	Planned Items
Monday 3rd November 2014 18.30-21.30 Council Chamber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Strickland, Cabinet Q & A • Housing Unification & Improvement Programme – update and plans (Catherine Illingworth) • Haringey Housing Strategy - consultation (Michael Kelleher) • Homes for Haringey - Andrew Billany & Mustafa Ibrahim (tbc) • Haringey Preferred Partnership Agreement with Housing Associations (Michael Kelleher) • Work Programme Update
Monday 8th December (Budget) 2014 18.30-21.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium Term Financial Plan - Savings and investment proposals, capital expenditure (Cllr Strickland, Cllr Demirci and senior officers)
Thursday 22nd January 2015 18.30-21.30 Council Chamber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Demirci Cabinet Q & A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning Enforcement monitoring • Current Asset Management Plan and update on disposal process of sites/ surplus to requirement (Jon McGrath) • Update on community buildings (Jon McGrath/ Charlotte Pomery) • Work Programme Update
Monday 2nd March 2015 18.30-21.30 Council Chamber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Strickland, Cabinet Q & A • Updates from previous projects – Community engagement with planning (to be agreed) • Work Programme Update

To schedule:

Homelessness Strategy - consultation

Empty Council properties and use of Guardians (number, length empty etc)

Economic Development & Growth Strategy

Panel Project

Delivery of affordable homes – evidence gathering sessions to be scheduled as per project scope.