

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel

Budget recommendations

5. Create homes and communities where people chose to live and are able to thrive (proposals 56-66):		
Item 56: Implement selective licensing across the borough	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel	(i) that further information on selective licensing scheme is distributed to the panel; (ii) that the panel is provided with further information of the impact of £400,000 investment in enforcement activity in respect of residential units in commercial designated areas; Further to the above information requests: (1) that the panel agree with this proposal, though wished to express concern that there should not be any delays to the implementation of this proposal as this may risk future income and subsequent investment in enforcement services.
Item 58: Early intervention/Prevention & Temporary Accommodation Management	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel	(i) that further documentation is provided to the panel in respect of councils duty to re-home people who may have a property abroad (including existing tenants); Further to the above information requests: (1) that the proposal be noted.
Item 59: Early intervention / Prevention (Housing Commissioning)	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel	(i) Head of Housing Commissioning Manager would investigate further the provision of rented furniture within housing support contracts and if this presented an opportunity to reduce costs; (ii) Plans for the Supported Housing Review would come to Overview & Scrutiny (Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel) the timing of which will be at a juncture where scrutiny can add most value and agreed with officers;
Item 60 and 62 Housing Unification synergies	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel	(i) That a further update of the unification process is provided to the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel at its March meeting;
Item 63 Repairs	Housing and	(i) that further consideration is given to prior to the disposal of council owned

	Regeneration Scrutiny Panel	<p>stock, particularly the option to demolish and rebuild where the present condition is uneconomic to repair;</p> <p>(ii) that Homes for Haringey should reassess the age at which tenant responsibility for minor repairs is relinquished (this is currently lower than standard retirement age):</p> <p>(iii) that there should be no reduction in the minimum lettable standard;</p> <p>(iv) that Homes for Haringey should review the penalties and sanctions imposed on those tenants (and leaseholders) who wilfully damage their property:</p> <p>(v) that the proposals for Right to Buy receipts should be extended to the purchase of empty street properties;</p>
Item 64 Garage Fee Review	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel	(i) that Homes for Haringey review parking fees on its housing estates, particularly where these occur within an existing Controlled Parking Zone.
MTFS – HRA Revenue (page 122 section 14.2)	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel	(i) Whilst accepting that the introduction of service charges for those in supported housing would be covered by commensurate rise in Housing benefit, further reassurance was sought on the affordability of such a charge to vulnerable people (e.g. will all those affected be fully compensated);
HRA Capital Programme (p225)	Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel	(i) That further clarification would be provided as to capital provision for redundancy costs would be met through the HRA or Council;