

Report for: Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel

Item number: 11

Title: Work Programme Update

Report

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Ward(s) affected: All

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 This report gives details of the proposed scrutiny work programme for the remainder of the municipal year.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 (a) That the Panel considers its future work programme, attached at **Appendix A**, and considers whether any amendments are required.
- (b) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be asked to endorse any amendments, at (a) above, at its next meeting.

4. Reasons for decision

The work programme for Overview and Scrutiny was agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 27 July 2015. Arrangements for implementing the work programme have progressed and the latest plans for the Panel are outlined in **Appendix A**.

5. Alternative options considered

- 5.1 The Panel could choose not to review its work programme however this could diminish knowledge of the work of Overview and Scrutiny and would fail to keep the full membership updated on any changes to the work programme.

6. Background information

- 6.1 The careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility. At its first meeting of the municipal year, on 8 June 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed a process for developing the 2015/16 scrutiny work programme.
- 6.2 Following this meeting, a number of activities took place, including a public survey and Scrutiny Cafe, where over 90 suggestions, including a number from members of the public, were discussed by scrutiny members, council officers, partners, and community representatives. From these activities issues were prioritised and an indicative work programme agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in late July.
- 6.3 Whilst Scrutiny Panels are non-decision making bodies, i.e. work programmes must be approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, this item gives the Panel an opportunity to oversee and monitor its work programme and to suggest amendments. The work programme is attached at **Appendix A**.

Forward Plan

- 6.4 Since the implementation of the Local Government Act and the introduction of the Council's Forward Plan, scrutiny members have found the Plan to be a useful tool in planning the overview and scrutiny work programme. The Forward Plan is updated each month but sets out key decisions for a 3 month period.
- 6.5 To ensure the information provided to the Panel is up to date, a copy of the most recent Forward Plan can be viewed via the link below:

<http://www.minutes.haringey.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RP=110&RD=0&J=1>

- 6.6 The Panel may want to consider the Forward Plan and discuss whether any of these items require further investigation or monitoring via scrutiny.

Recommendations, Actions and Responses

- 6.7 The issue of making, and monitoring, recommendations/actions is an important part of the scrutiny process. A verbal update on actions completed since the last meeting will be provided by the Principal Scrutiny Officer.

7 Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 7.1 The individual issues included within the work plan were identified following consideration by relevant Members and officers of the priorities within the Corporate Plan. Their selection was specifically based on their potential to contribute to strategic outcomes.

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

Finance and Procurement

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report. Should any of the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny generate recommendations with financial implications then these will be highlighted at that time.

Legal

- 8.2 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.
- 8.3 Under Section 21 (6) of the Local Government Act 2000, an Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to appoint one or more sub-committees to discharge any of its functions.
- 8.4 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the approval of the future scrutiny work programme and the appointment of Scrutiny Panels (to assist the scrutiny function) falls within the remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 8.5 Scrutiny Panels are non-decision making bodies and the work programme and any subsequent reports and recommendations that each scrutiny panel produces must be approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Such reports can then be referred to Cabinet or Council under agreed protocols.

Equality

- 8.6 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.
- 8.7 The Panel should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them within its work plan, as well as individual pieces of work. This should include considering and clearly stating;
- 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.
- 8.8 The Panel should ensure that equalities comments are based on evidence. Wherever possible this should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

9 Use of Appendices

Appendix A – Work Programme

10 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 External web links have been provided in this report. Haringey Council is not responsible for the contents or reliability of linked websites and does not necessarily endorse any views expressed within them. Listings should not be taken as an endorsement of any kind. It is your responsibility to check the terms and conditions of any other web sites you may visit. We cannot guarantee that these links will work all of the time and we have no control over the availability of the linked pages.

APPENDIX A - Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2015/16

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Details and desired outcome	Lead Officer / Witnesses
13th October 2015	Cabinet Q & A	To question Cabinet Member for Planning on their portfolio.	Cllr Demirci Stephen Kelly, AD Planning Service
	Homelessness	To report back from site visit to APEX House and Housing Options Team To decide options for any further enquiry.	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer Denise Gandy, Director of Housing Demand, Homes for Haringey
	Haringey Housing Strategy	To enable members to comment on the strategy within the consultation period (closes 18 th October) and Identify future areas for pre decision scrutiny (emerging strategies and policies)	Mustafa Ibrahim, Head of Commissioned Services (Housing)
	Homes for Haringey	An update on the future of Homes for Haringey.	Mustafa Ibrahim, Head of Commissioned Services (Housing)
	Community Infrastructure Levy	To approve scoping report	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
	Viability Assessment	To approve scoping report	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
	Work Programme Update	To monitor and review work programme	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
16th November 2015	Cabinet Q & A	To question Cabinet Member for Housing & Regeneration on their portfolio.	Cllr Strickland
	Tottenham Regeneration	Corporate Programmes – focus to be	Helen Fisher, Director of Tottenham

	Programme	agreed – consultation processes	Regeneration (TBC)
	Housing Unification & Improvement Programme	Corporate Programmes – possible focus on councils plans to reduce homelessness /TA	Dan Hawthorn /Andrew Billany/Mustafa Ibrahim (TBC)
	Haringey Housing Strategy	To report back on the consultation outcomes. Identify future areas for pre decision scrutiny (emerging strategies and policies)	Mustafa Ibrahim, Head of Commissioned Services (Housing)
	Community Infrastructure Levy	To approve final report	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
	Work Programme Update	To monitor and review work programme	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
18th January 2016	Cabinet Q & A	To question Cabinet Member for Planning on their portfolio.	Cllr Demirci Stephen Kelly, AD Planning Service
	Community Engagement with Planning	Monitoring of implementation of recommendations of previously completed review	Stephen Kelly, AD Planning Service (TBC)
	Improving quality of Private rented Sector*	Update on plans to implement selective licensing	Steve Russell / Andrew Billany (TBC)
	Viability Assessment	To approve final report of Viability Assessment scrutiny project	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
	Work Programme Update	To monitor and review work programme	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
3rd March 2016	Cabinet Q & A	To question Cabinet Member for Housing & Regeneration on their portfolio.	Cllr Strickland
	Registers Housing Providers*	Update on implementation of Preferred Partnership Status, RHP performance and operation on multi-landlord estates	Andrew Billany/ Mustafa Ibrahim (TBC)
	Older Peoples Housing*	To focus on: Independent living support	Andrew Billany/ Mustafa Ibrahim (TBC)

		/ downsizing support*	
	Work Programme Update	To monitor and review work programme	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
	Annual Panel Assessment	What has worked well, hasn't worked. Items to carry forward to 2016/2017	Panel

* *Preparation and support including visits to be undertaken in advance of the meeting.*

- To schedule - balance of provision for employment and housing in local development plans

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel Scoping Report– Community Infrastructure Levy

Review Topic	Community Infrastructure Levy
Rationale	<p>The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was introduced as part of the Planning Act 2008 to help pool local development contributions to support major infrastructure needs. Contributions derived from the CIL are different to those from S106 in that theses can be used to fund <i>general</i> infrastructure development programmes (as set out in Regulation 123 List) whereas S106 monies can only be used to mitigate the impact of site specific development.</p> <p>The CIL is charged at a £ per square² for proposed new development and rates are determined locally. There are 3 rates in Haringey: £265 (western), £165 (central) and £15 (eastern). Haringey's CIL Charging Schedule was adopted by decision of Full Council on 21 July 2014 and was implemented on 1 November 2014.</p> <p>THE CIL can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure including transport, schools, hospitals and other health and social care facilities. The CIL is intended to focus on the provision of new infrastructure or develop and extend capacity of existing infrastructure and details are set out in the Regulation 123 List¹.</p> <p>In general the CIL receipts should be spent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on infrastructure needed to support the development of the area; • It can be spent on infrastructure outside the CA's area, and spent by another body • Doesn't have to spent on the infrastructure referred to in your charge setting evidence but.. the links should be clear • It is advisable to publish a list of the infrastructure you intend to use CIL for (Reg 123 list) • You cannot spend CIL on affordable housing.

¹ The Regulation 123 list sets out the types of infrastructure that may be funded by Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in the Borough.

	<p>At least 15% of CIL receipts must be allocated for spending in agreement with the local community in the area where development is taking place. Where a neighbourhood plan is in place this increases to 25%.</p> <p>The process for agreeing how the neighbourhood proportion of the CIL is not prescribed, only that the processes for determining this should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use existing consultation and engagement processes • Include local neighbourhood groups, forums, councillors and businesses; and • Be proportionate to level of receipts and scale of proposed development. <p>The council must prepare a report for any financial year (31st December) in which it receives CIL receipts. The report must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total CIL receipts for the reported year • The total CIL expenditure for the reported year • Summary of the items to which CIL has been applied and the amount of CIL expenditure on each item. <p>Highgate Neighbourhood Forum has an established neighbourhood plan which the Council should acknowledge in local governance arrangements for CIL allocation. It is expected that CIL receipts will come on stream in the latter part of 2015/16.</p> <p>Scrutiny involvement this area would focus on developing local governance arrangements for allocation and spending of CIL receipts, particularly in relation the community or neighbourhood element.</p>
Scrutiny Membership	<p>The review will be undertaken by members of the Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel: Cllrs Akwasi-Ayisi (Chair), Engert, Gallagher, Griffiths, Gunes, Ibrahim and Newton. Other non-executive members will be invited to participate in the review.</p>
Terms of Reference (Purpose of the Review /	<p>The project will aim to address the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess current local policy framework for and allocation of CIL receipts:

Objectives)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess what governance arrangements for the administration of CIL are in place at early adopter London Boroughs to indentify good practice with a view to inform the development of local policy and practice; • Consult with specialist planning practitioners and policy advisers to ensure that key elements of governance arrangements for CIL are complaint with necessary legalisation; • Assess best use of CIL receipts , particularly in relation as an ‘enabling’ fund to secure larger bids / plans for development e.g. health service, HLF etc. • Assess current consultation and community engagement and involvement process to underpin CIL priority setting; • Officials need to prepare thoroughly to ensure allocation and monitoring mechanisms work efficiently • Assess how the allocation of CIL receipts are aligned with other community resourcing e.g. Ward Budgets
Links to the Corporate Plan	<p>This scrutiny project will link to Corporate Priority 4 - Drive growth and employment from which everyone can benefit. In particular, the project will contribute to meeting the following objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will enable growth, by securing infrastructure - including transport, broadband, schools and health services
Evidence Sources	<p>The review will look at the following key documents:</p> <p>Planning Portal – Spending the CIL guidance</p> <p>LB Haringey SPD Planning Obligations</p> <p>CIL advice from Planning Officers Association</p> <p>Haringey Regulation 123 List</p>
Witnesses	<p>Internal officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Kelly, AD for Planning Service • Emma Williamson, Head of Development Management • Matthew Patterson, Health of Planning Policy • Section 151 Officer / Matthew Gaynor – finance framework for CIL, to identify any CIL spending commitments • Stephen McDonnell, AD for Environmental Services and Community Safety – possible

	<p>links to ward budgets</p> <p>There are a number of early adopter London Boroughs may be contacted to provide comparative evidence, these may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Borough of Croydon • London Borough Southwark • London Borough Redbridge • London Borough Wandsworth. <p>The project will consults and involve a number of specialist planning agencies which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Advisory Service • Town & Country Planning Association • Planning Officers Association <p>Local Community Planning Groups</p>
Methodology/Approach	<p>Given the focused nature of this review, it is proposed that the format will take the form of scrutiny in a day, with all witnesses encouraged to attend on the same day. This conference type approach will facilitate continuity of evidence:</p> <p>Part 1 - local policy and practice – Haringey officers</p> <p>Part 2 – Other local authorities - London Boroughs</p> <p>Part 3 - Developers</p> <p>Part 4 – Specialist Advisers</p> <p>Part 5 - Community</p>
Equalities Implications	<p>Any emerging equalities issues will be assessed and highlighted for inclusion in final recommendations for governance arrangements for the CIL.</p>
Timescale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August – September 2015 - project scoping • October 8th – Agreement of Scope by Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel • 19th October Confirmation by Overview & Scrutiny Committee • Late October – Background briefing report prepared ahead of evidence gathering

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Late October (date TBA) – Evidence gathering –scrutiny in a day • 16th November/ 18th January - Report to Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel • Final report to OSC (Nov/Dec/Jan) dependent on above. • Spring 2016 - Cabinet
Reporting arrangements	AD for Planning, Stephen Kelly is the lead for Corporate Priority 4.
Publicity	The project will be publicised through the scrutiny website and scrutiny newsletter providing details of the scope and how local people and community groups may be involved. The outcomes of the review will be similarly published once complete.
Constraints / Barriers / Risks	<p>Risks:</p> <p>Not being able to get key evidence providers to attend on the agreed date of evidence gathering.</p> <p>Not being able obtain evidence from key informants e.g. local authorities</p>
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