

**Report for:** Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Item number:** 11

**Title:** Work Programme Update

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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**

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- 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
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October 2015</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 – outline dates for future key decisions.	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
<b>16<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b>	Cabinet Q & A	To question Cabinet Member for Housing & Regeneration on their portfolio.	Cllr Strickland Mustafa Ibrahim Head of Commissioned Services (Housing), Andrew Billany,

			Chief Officer, Homes for Haringey
	Tottenham Regeneration Programme	<p>Corporate Programmes — consultation processes</p> <p>Report back on site visit to 693 High Road, Love Lane and Northumberland Park (w/b 9<sup>th</sup> November)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Illustrative example of estate regeneration and challenges</li> <li>- Identification of major development projects</li> </ul>	<p>Helen Fisher, Director of Tottenham Regeneration</p> <p>Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer</p>
	Empty Homes	To report on the nature and scale of this issue in both Homes for Haringey and private sector and what programmes are in place to bring these back in to use.	Andrew Billany/ Steve Russell
	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 update on scrutiny in a day project	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
	Work Programme Update	To monitor and review work programme	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Community Infrastructure Levy	<p>Scrutiny in a day – evidence gathering</p> <p>Developing the governance arrangements for spending the neighbourhood proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy.</p>	Panel, Expert Witness Planning Officers, Neighbourhood Forums & Developer

<b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2016</b>	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 Community Infrastructure Levy report.	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
	Work Programme Update	To monitor and review work programme	Martin Bradford, Scrutiny Officer
<b>TBC</b>	Housing Viability	Scrutiny in a day – evidence gathering	Panel, Expert Witness Planning Officers, Developer
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016</b>	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 Preparation: Site visit to multi-landlord estate Evidence gathering with RHPs – Preferred Partnership Status	Andrew Billany/ Mustafa Ibrahim (TBC)
	Older Peoples Housing*	To focus on: Independent living support / downsizing support*  To arrange site visits – Housing Commissioning Programme	Andrew Billany/ Mustafa Ibrahim (TBC)

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

To schedule:

- (1) Balance of provision for employment and housing in local development plans and local high streets – subject to meeting with Chair and Cllr Sahota (December 2015)
- (2) New Tenancy Strategy to be agreed in early 2016.
- (3) Homelessness strategy
- (4) Housing Unification & Improvement Programme - Corporate Programmes – possible focus on councils plans to reduce homelessness – covered through items on Housing Strategy and Homes for Haringey (future options) at 13<sup>th</sup> October. Further oversight of programme – to be agreed.