

**Report for:** Regulatory Committee

**Title:** Haringey Quality Review Panel

**Report authorised by :** Lyn Garner Corporate Director Planning, Development and Regeneration

**Lead Officer:** Stephen Kelly Assistant Director – Planning

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

The report provides an introduction and brief overview of the work of the Haringey Quality Review Panel

**2. Recommendations**

That the report and associated presentation be noted.

**3. Reasons for decision**

Not applicable

**4. Alternative options considered**

This report is for noting. Alternative options are not applicable.

**5. Background information**

The Haringey Quality Review Panel was established in April 2015 with an independent chair, Peter Studdert. The panel comprises 21 experts appointed from over 60 applications following a national recruitment campaign. The panel members encompass a range of disciplines, including architecture, urban design, landscape design, building engineering, conservation and accessibility.

Since April, applicants for major development have been encouraged to submit their proposals to the quality review panel for consideration and comment. To date over 20 schemes have been reviewed – some schemes have been reviewed more than once (see appendix A).

The comments from the Quality Review Panel have been included in planning officer reports to the Planning Committee and have assisted the Local Planning Authority when it is balancing the sometimes competing policy considerations that are part of the decision making process.

In parallel with the work of the Quality Review Panel, the planning authority has also undertaken a range of other activities aimed at supporting and promoting improved development outcomes for the borough. These include the development of a suite of new Local Plan documents – including the creation of a “Haringey Development Charter” (contained within the Draft Development Management Policy DM1) and revisions to the Planning Protocol for members

and officers – to enable development proposals to be presented to the Planning Committee for comment at the “pre-application” stage.

The Chair of the Quality Review Panel will attend the regulatory Committee meeting to report on the progress made and experiences of the Panel since it was established and to receive questions from the Committee on matters relating to the work of the panel.

## **6. Contribution to strategic outcomes**

The QRP is part of a service wide programme of measures that aim to promote and secure higher quality development outcomes for the Borough. The work of the Panel and the Planning Service plays a central role in the physical renewal and regeneration of the Borough and contributes to the successful achievement of outcomes associated with priority three, four and five of the Corporate Plan – including the Wood Green and Tottenham regeneration programmes.

## **7. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

Not applicable

### **Finance and Procurement**

The establishment costs (advertisement and project management) were paid for through the planning service budget. The operating costs of the Panel are recovered in full through charges levied upon the developers that use the panel.

### **Legal**

The Assistant Director of Corporate Governance has been consulted on the preparation of the body of this report and confirms that there are no immediate legal issues arising from it.

## **8. Appendices**

Appendix A: Schedule of schemes reviewed and QRP members.

## **9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

- a. Haringey Development Management Polices DPD January 2016
- b. Planning Protocol 2015