

Report for: Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel
3rd October 2016

Item number: 12

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 21st July 2016. 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 6th June 2016, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed a process for developing the 2016/17 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 on 21st July 2016.
- 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.

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Panel - Work Programme 2016/17

| Meeting Date | Agenda Item | Details and desired outcome | Lead Officer / Witnesses |
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| Round 1 27th June 2016 | Terms of Reference | To note terms of reference for the panel | Martin Bradford, Policy Officer |
| | Temporary Accommodation | A presentation of the current financial and policy issues in temporary accommodation and current approach. To assist in scoping possible scrutiny involvement. | Denise Gandy, Homes for Haringey |
| | Work Programme | Outcomes from scrutiny Cafe, confirmation of work programme for 2016/17 and selection of those reviews taken forward in year ahead | Martin Bradford, Policy Officer |
| | Viability assessment | Emerging conclusions from Scrutiny Review (dependent on meeting before 27 th June) | Martin Bradford, Policy Officer / Panel |
| Round 2 3rd October 2016 | Cabinet Q & A | Cabinet member for Housing & Regeneration to respond to questions on this portfolio | Cllr Strickland/ Mustafa Ibrahim/ Andrew Billany/ Dan Hawthorn |
| | Right to Buy Receipts | An update on the how Right to Buy receipts are used to support affordable homes. | Mustafa Ibrahim |
| | Budget Monitoring/ Performance Monitoring | To review and monitor budget and performance issues within the remit of the HRSP. | Joe Moore (TBC) / Boe Williams/Margaret Gallagher |
| | Supported Housing for Older People | Recommendations from review | Martin Bradford, Panel |
| | Development Vehicle | Update of progress of review | Martin Bradford, Panel |

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| | Work Programme | Review - update of programme of activities | Martin Bradford, Policy Officer |
| Additional session November 2016 (precise Date TBC) | - Housing Allocations Policy - Tenancy Strategy - Homelessness Strategy & Delivery Plan - Intermediate Housing Policy | To consult the panel as part of the formal consultation process for these strategies (left) which runs from November to the end of December 2016. | Mustafa Ibrahim |
| 14th December 2016 | Budget scrutiny of MTFS proposals to 2022 | To consult the panel on savings and investment proposals as part of the MTFS to 2022. | Cllr Strickland and Cllr Goldberg Mustafa Ibrahim, Emma Williamson, Andrew Billany |
| Round 3 6th February 2017 | Cabinet Q & A | Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion and Economic Regeneration and Wood Green Regeneration | Cllr Goldberg / Officers |
| | Selective Licensing | An update on plans to introduce Selective Licensing or extend the use of Mandatory Licensing | Eubert Malcolm/ Steve Russell |
| | High Streets | Update on the work undertaken by Cllr Sahota and other work to support local Metropolitan and District High Streets. (i) to encompass work to improve Hornsey High Street (ii) Site visit(s) to local District High streets | Vicky Clark/ Beth Kay |
| | Tottenham & Wood Green Regeneration Programme | Tottenham Regeneration Programme & Wood Green Regeneration Programme – how can work from Tottenham inform other regeneration work? | Helen Fisher / Dan Hawthorn |
| | Supported Housing Programme – Consultation | Formal consultation arising from Supported Housing review | Mustafa Ibrahim |

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| | Economic & Social Regeneration in Tottenham (TBC) | Head of Economic & Social Regeneration – to discuss and confirm | TBC |
| | Work Programme | Review - update of programme of activities | Martin Bradford, Policy Officer |
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| Round 4 7th March 2016 | Cabinet Q & A | Cabinet member for Housing & Regeneration to respond to questions on this portfolio | Cllr Strickland/ Mustafa Ibrahim/ Andrew Billany/ Dan Hawthorn/ Emma Williamson |
| | Community Infrastructure Levy | Update on previous review completed in 15/16 – Inclusion of new policy (if ready). | Emma Williamson/ Matthew Patterson |
| | Supporting engagement and Involvement in the Local Planning System | Work being undertaken to help improve engagement, involvement and community confidence in the local planning system. | AD Planning, Emma Williamson |
| | Council led development | Update on review completed in 2015/16 – approved by Cabinet in December 2015. | Mustafa Ibrahim |
| | Work Programme | Review - update of programme of activities Identification of any carry over items | Martin Bradford, Policy Officer |

Scrutiny projects

(1) Development vehicle -

- That scrutiny should focus on the development vehicle, in particular the governance arrangements that will support this new body (e.g. membership, relationship between board and Council and associated priorities of the Council). This work could also assess arrangements for corporate and public accountability and future scrutiny of this body Julian Wain/ Dan Hawthorn (Autumn 2017)

(2) Emergency accommodation -

- Review the nature and level of support provided to people presenting as homeless and in crisis and to assess further opportunities to increase supply or stem demand for emergency accommodation (Stage 1).
Denise Gandy / Andrew Billany

(3) Older peoples supported housing

Approaches to older peoples supported housing – best practice – Gill Taylor

To schedule further

- The work of the Decision Panel, how it operates and how this could be improved –short report / briefing – Andrew Billany/
Denise Gandy