



## Housing and Homes O&S Committee: Work Programme 2017/18

**Chair:** Councillor Victoria Quinn

**Committee Members:** Councillors Gurdial Singh Atwal, Andy Cartwright, Matthew Gregson, Roger Harmer, Penny Holbrook, Des Hughes, Mohammed Idrees, Mary Locke, Gary Sambrook, Ron Storer, Margaret Waddington

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Committee Manager: Marie Reynolds (464 4104)

### 1 Meeting Schedule

Date	Item	Officer Contact / Attendees
<b>20 June 2017</b>	Informal Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work Programme Discussion</li> <li>Briefing on Housing Strategy</li> </ul>	Emma Williamson/Jayne Power Rob James/Mike Walsh
<b>25 July 2017</b>	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To set out key priorities, including key performance indicators</li> </ul>	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer
	Responding to Housing Need and Demand	Mike Walsh
	Waste Update	Jacqui Kennedy
<b>20 September 2017</b>	Selective Licensing	Pete Hobbs
	Tenant Engagement	Tracey Radford
	Waste Update	Jacqui Kennedy
<b>17 October 2017</b>	Housing Revenue Account	Rob James/Sukvinder Kalsi
	Allocations Update	Mike Walsh
	Homelessness Update	John Hardy
<b>14 November 2017</b>	Affordable and Social Housing	Waheed Nazir/Ian MacLeod/Uyen-Phan Han
<b>12 December 2017</b>	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homes	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer
	Tracking: Rough Sleeping & Prevention	Kalvinder Kohli
<b>23 January 2018</b>	Repairs and Maintenance Contracts	Rob James



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	Investment in Refurbishment of Existing Council Homes	Rob James
	Selective Licensing	Rob James/Pete Hobbs
<b>20 February 2018</b>	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide an update on key priorities</li> </ul>	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer
	Implementation of Homelessness Reduction Act - tbc	Rob James/Jim Crawshaw
<b>28 March 2018</b>	Annual Report of the Community Safety Partnership (a statutory responsibility)	Jacqui Kennedy, Corporate Director, Place
	Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer
<b>17 April 2018</b>		

## 2 Items to be programmed

- 2.1 Tenant Engagement Review
- 2.2 Neighbourhood Management/New Devolution Model
- 2.3 Waste – Street Cleansing/Collection – New Operating Model
- 2.4 Report of analysis of those not re-registered on the housing list (Housing Allocations)

## 3 Summary of Work Programme Discussion

3.1 Members of the committee met in June to discuss potential items for the work programme, and a summary is set out below. Following July's meeting (where the Cabinet Member will outline his priorities), a schedule will be agreed.

1. **Responding to housing need and demand:** to get a better understanding of housing need and demand in Birmingham and then to identify areas of Housing Strategy based on that; likely to include
  - Homelessness
  - Alternative housing models
  - Focusing on the local level (ie how ensure right housing in right areas)
  - Links to HRA business plan



- Land use: prioritise surplus / use of poor quality / New Homes Bonus
- Strategic Tenancy Policy
- Young Persons Policy
- Supported housing

**2. Neighbourhood Management and Tenant Engagement:** to include matters arising following the Grenfell Tower tragedy to provide assurance on safety levels and the robustness of neighbourhood management

- What is the Council's overall responsibility; what is the scope of our due diligence and assessing where we might want higher standards (including the role of our contractors; Council Emergency response; how should future capital programmes be influenced?)
- Information for tenants and tenant routes to feed in issues to Council and be listened to;
- Neighbourhood management and links to work of Assistant Leaders.

## 4 Outstanding Tracking

Inquiry	Outstanding Recommendations
Working With Communities to Prevent Relationship Violence	R02 - That the City Council strengthens its leadership role for the city by reviewing the domestic violence strategy and enabling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) coherent pathways for victims and children, across sectors, to access the support and protection they need;</li> <li>b) strengthening the engagement of schools and other educational establishments, including academies, committing to participating;</li> <li>c) integrated working between Birmingham Youth Services and Think Family Team and Children's Services and homelessness;</li> <li>d) youth service providers from both statutory and third sector involvement in the delivery of informal education programmes with young people.</li> </ul>

## 5 Other Meetings

### Call in Meetings

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*None scheduled*

### Petitions

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*None scheduled*

### Councillor Call for Action requests

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*None scheduled*

It is suggested that the Committee approves Tuesday at 2.00pm as a suitable day and time each week for any additional meetings required to consider 'requests for call in' which may be lodged in respect of Executive decisions.

## 6 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

The following decisions, extracted from the Cabinet Office Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Housing and Homes O&S Committee's remit.

Reference	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
001895/2016	Yardley Brook Full Business Case (FBC) for Remediation and Development	Housing and Homes	12 Dec 2017
003259/2017	Birmingham Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2017-2020	Health and Social Care	12 Dec 2017
004342/2017	Birmingham Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2017+	Health and Social Care	12 Dec 2017
001429/2016	Disposal of Surplus Properties	Leader	24 Jan 2018