



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

Chair: Councillor Victoria Quinn

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1 Meeting Schedule

Date	Item	Officer Contact / Attendees
20 June 2017	Informal Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Programme Discussion Briefing on Housing Strategy 	Emma Williamson/Jayne Power Rob James/Mike Walsh
25 July 2017	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To set out key priorities, including key performance indicators 	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer
	Responding to Housing Need and Demand	Mike Walsh
	Waste Update	Jacqui Kennedy
20 September 2017	Selective Licensing	Pete Hobbs
	Tenant Engagement	Tracey Radford
	Waste Update	Jacqui Kennedy
17 October 2017	Affordable and Social Housing	
	Neighbourhood Management/New Devolution Model	
	Waste – Street Cleansing/Collection – New Operating Model	
14 November 2017	Housing Liaison Boards	
	Housing Revenue Account	Sukvinder Kalsi?
12 December 2017	Tracking: Rough Sleeping & Prevention	
	Housing Allocations Scheme	



23 January 2018	Repairs and Maintenance Contracts	
	Investment in Refurbishment of Existing Council Homes	
20 February 2018	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update on key priorities 	Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer
	<i>Implementation of Homelessness Reduction Act?</i>	
28 March 2018	<i>Annual Report of the Community Safety Partnership (a statutory responsibility).</i>	<i>Jacqui Kennedy, Corporate Director, Place</i>
	<i>Cabinet Member for Transparency, Openness and Equality</i>	<i>Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer</i>
17 April 2018		

2 Summary of Work Programme Discussion

2.1 Members of the committee met in June to discuss potential items for the work programme, and a summary is set out below.

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.

3 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">a) coherent pathways for victims and children, across sectors, to access the support and protection they need;b) strengthening the engagement of schools and other educational establishments, including academies, committing to participating;c) integrated working between Birmingham Youth Services and Think Family Team and Children's Services and homelessness;d) youth service providers from both statutory and third sector involvement in the delivery of informal education programmes with young people.

4 Other Meetings

Call in Meetings

None scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled

Councillor Call for Action requests

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.



5 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
003157/2017	Building Birmingham: Approval of BMHT housing development programme for 2017-9 with support to SME house-builders	Housing and Homes	13 Sept 2017
004109/2017	Review of House in Multiple Occupation Licence Fee and Proposals for Selective Licensing Fee Structure	Housing and Homes	13 Sept 2017
001429/2016	Disposal of Surplus Properties	Leader	24 Oct 2017
003385/2017	BCC Energy Company – FBC	Clean Streets, Recycling and the Environment	24 Oct 2017
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