

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

HOMES O&S COMMITTEE – PUBLIC MEETING

1400 hours on Thursday 20 July 2023, Committee Room 6, Council House

Minutes

Present:

Councillor Mohammed Idrees (Chair)

Councillors: Saqib Khan, Lauren Rainbow, Rinkal Shergill, Ron Storer and Penny Wagg

Also Present:

Jayne Bowles, Scrutiny Officer

Amelia Wiltshire, Overview and Scrutiny Manager

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chair advised that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Public-I microsite and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Ziaul Islam and Ken Wood.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded they must declare all relevant pecuniary and other registerable interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting, and none were declared.

4. MINUTES

(See document No. 1)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2023 were agreed.

5. ACTION TRACKER

(See document No. 2)

RESOLVED:

That the action tracker was noted.

6. WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

Amelia Wiltshire outlined the items scheduled for the September and October meetings and the menu of options for future consideration.

Councillor Storer raised the following matters on behalf of Councillor Wood:

- A request for detailed updates at every meeting on where we are with the backlog of inspections.
- A request for details of contractors' performance.
- Decent Homes/Voids – the importance of completing the piece of work which had been started last year and Councillor Wood would be happy to chair a Task and Finish Group.

It was agreed that scrutiny officers would clarify the first two points with Councillor Wood.

In terms of Voids, the Terms of Reference would be re-visited and expanded on and there could be overlap with Decent Homes which the Task and Finish Group would need to discuss.

The Chair invited Members to indicate if they wished to be on the Voids Task and Finish Group and the following membership was agreed – Councillors Mohammed Idrees, Saqib Khan, Lauren Rainbow, Penny Wagg and Ken Wood.

RESOLVED:

- That the membership of the Voids – Improving Standards Task & Finish Group would be Councillors Mohammed Idrees, Saqib Khan, Lauren Rainbow, Penny Wagg and Ken Wood.
- That the work programme was agreed.

7. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Committee noted the date of the next meeting on Thursday 21 September at 1400 hours in Committee Room 6.

8. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

9. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

None.

10. AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS

RESOLVED:

That in an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 14.14 hours.