



Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee: Work Programme 2022/23

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The remit of the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee is 'to fulfil the functions of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee as they relate to any policies, services and activities concerning housing; waste management; neighbourhood management; parks and allotments; localisation; bereavement services and community safety'.
- 1.2 This Committee shall be the Crime and Disorder Committee (Police and Justice Act 2006).
- 1.3 This report provides details of the proposed scrutiny work programme for 2022/23.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee considers its work programme, attached at Appendix 1, and considers whether any amendments are required.
- 2.2 That the Committee agrees the Terms of Reference for the voids – improving standards topic, attached at Appendix 2, and considers whether any amendments are required.

3 Background

- 3.1 *"Scrutiny is based on the principle that someone who makes a decision...should not be the only one to review or challenge it. Overview is founded on the belief that an open, inclusive, member-led approach to policy review...results in better policies in the long run."* (Jessica Crowe, former Executive Director, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny).
- 3.2 Developing an effective work programme is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function. Done well, it can help lay the foundations for targeted, inclusive and timely work on issues of local



importance, where scrutiny can add value. Done poorly, scrutiny can end up wasting time and resources on issues where the impact of any scrutiny work done is likely to be minimal.

- 3.3 As a result, the careful selection and prioritisation of work is essential if the scrutiny function is to be successful, add value and retain credibility.

4 Work Programme

4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the future work programme for this Committee. This provides information on the aims and objectives, together with lead officers and witnesses, for each item. The attached work programme also includes items to be programmed where dates are still to be confirmed, and any outstanding items including the tracking of previous recommendations.

4.2 As the work programmes for the Committees have developed a number of cross cutting issues have been identified. To avoid duplication Members will be invited to attend different Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings for relevant reports as set out below:

Lead Committee	Meeting and Agenda Item	Members to be invited and reason
Co-ordinating O&SC	17 February 2023 Domestic Abuse To enable O&SC to inform the development of the Domestic Abuse Strategy	Housing and Neighbourhoods O&SC This O&SC is the appointed Crime and Disorder Committee for the Council. Cllr Yip has been appointed by Co-ordinating O&SC to undertake work with partners in advance of this meeting.

5 Other Meetings

5.1 There are no other meetings scheduled at this time.

Call in Meetings:

None scheduled

Petitions

None scheduled

Councillor Call for Action requests

None scheduled



6 Forward Plan for Cabinet Decisions

- 6.1 Since the implementation of the Local Government Act and the introduction of the Forward Plan, scrutiny members have found the Plan to be a useful tool in identifying potential agenda items.
- 6.2 The following decisions, extracted from the CMIS Forward Plan of Decisions, are likely to be relevant to the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee's remit. Members may wish to consider whether any of these issues require further investigation or monitoring via scrutiny. The Forward Plan can be viewed in full via Forward Plans (cmis.uk.com).

ID Number	Title	Portfolio	Proposed Date of Decision
010914/2023	Housing Revenue Account – Rent Setting 2023-2024	Housing and Homelessness	14 Feb 23
010925/2023	Homelessness Prevention Grant Winter 2022-2023	Housing and Homelessness	14 Feb 23
010998/2023	Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Grant to support the Acquisition of Accommodation for Afghan Citizens and Ukrainian Guests	Housing and Homelessness	14 Feb 23
010451/2022	Affordable Housing – sites for disposal	Leader	21 Mar 23
010589/2022	Ladywood Regeneration Estate	Leader	21 Mar 23
010634/2023	Ladywood Regeneration Estate: CPO Authority in Principle	Leader	21 Mar 23
009213/2021	BMHT Dawberry Fields Road, Passivhaus Development	Housing and Homelessness	25 Apr 23
007349/2020	Waste Vehicle Replacement Programme	Environment	25 Apr 23
010840/2023	Asset Management Strategy – 5 Year Strategy	Housing and Homelessness	25 Apr 23
010906/2023	P0599: Tyseley Energy Recovery Facility, Waste Transfer Stations and Household Waste Recycling Centres – Operate, Maintain & Renewal	Leader	25 Apr 23
010984/2023	Homelessness Prevention Grant Allocation 2023-2025	Housing and Homelessness	25 Apr 23
010999/2023	Building Birmingham – Druids Heath Early Opportunity Sites	Housing and Homelessness	25 Apr 23
009489/2022	Pool Farm/Shannon Road Contract Award and Revised FBC	Housing and Homelessness	27 Jun 23
010625/2023	Bromford Housing Development, Open Space Improvement, Procurement Strategy and Revised FBC	Housing and Homelessness	27 Jun 23



010707/2023	Stockfield Road Housing Development	Housing and Homelessness	27 Jun 23
010770/2023	Investment Plan – Housing Rent Account	Housing and Homelessness	27 Jun 23

7 Legal Implications

7.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report.

8 Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations set out in this report.

9 Public Sector Equality Duty

9.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

9.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during work programme development, the scoping of work, evidence gathering and making recommendations. This should include considering: How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; 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 Birmingham; Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

9.3 The Committee should ensure that equalities comments, and any recommendations, are based on evidence. This should include demographic and service level data and evidence of residents/service-users views gathered through consultation.

10 Use of Appendices

10.1 Appendix 1 – Work Programme for 2022/2023



10.2 Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference Voids – improving standards