

Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13th October 2022

Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness - Priorities 2022/23

- Have in place a supported housing strategy to set out how we will ensure the overall provision of exempt accommodation meets the needs of the community.
- Complete contract extension arrangements for the North East and Central West areas of the city and will have retendered the contract for the South area, 2022/24.
- Identify our priorities for the capital investment programme 2022-3 and the wider priorities within the HRA business plan.
- Complete the refresh of the Housing Strategy and associated delivery plan.
- Develop a robust plan setting out the delivery of retro fit activity for BCC dwellings as part of achieving route to zero targets, including progressing the 300 home whole house retro fit pilot in East Birmingham.
- Complete a self-assessment of our progress in delivering against both the Social Housing White Paper and the Regulator's Consumer regulations.
- Ensure Housing contributes effectively to the corporate response to the Cost of Living Crisis.
- Deliver key changes to ensure delivery of the Private Sector Housing Strategy 2022-2027. Specifically:
 - implementation of the new Private Rented Sector Operating Model
 - implementation of a new licensing software system for Mandatory, Selective and potentially Additional licensing schemes,
 - delivery of key milestones to ensure implementation of the Selective Licensing Scheme in June 2023.
- Establish an affordable housing delivery board and approach setting out how we will deliver increased affordable housing through innovative approaches i.e. Housing Company, SPVs. etc.
- Modernise our approach to tenant engagement so that it is representative, transparent and open.

- Have in place a sustainable and effective Temporary Accommodation Strategy.
- Ensure the Government and partner agencies remain focused on conditions in the private rented sector and continue to work with and Lobby government to put in place appropriate regulatory oversight and funding to respond to the issues of exempt accommodation.

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