Ladywood District Committee

Neighbourhood Challenge: Project Brief

Private Rented Sector Project

1. Lead Member

As agreed at the Ladywood District Committee meeting on 21 July 2015, the Committee's lead member for Housing matters is Councillor Carl Rice.

2. Purpose

To establish the impact that high concentrations of private rented accommodation, HMOs and hostel accommodation have on local communities within the Ladywood District, and explore how this might be better controlled/managed in future

3. Outcome

A shared understanding amongst local stakeholders about the issues created by specific housing tenures and the powers available to the City Council to control the patterns of housing tenure in an area; and a commitment amongst relevant agencies to work in a coordinated manner to manage/respond to the impact in local neighbourhoods.

	Key Lines of Enquiry	Who Can Provide	How/When
1	To review the patterns of housing tenure and type in the District, and identify how they may differ from the rest of the City and other urban areas	BCC Housing Strategy	District Committee 10 November
2	To understand the powers and mechanisms available to the Council to manage and control the number or concentration of a) private rented accommodations b) Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) or c) hostel type accommodation in any given area, and consider whether these are being deployed to best effect within Ladywood District And To consider what means are available to the Council and other stakeholders to secure more balanced patterns of tenure in localities	BCC Private Rented Sector Housing Planning & Regulation Homeless Team	District Committee 10 November
3	To understand the views and concerns of local residents with regard to the impact of private rented accommodation, HMOs and hostel accommodation and To establish in which specific streets/neighbourhoods within	Residents Ward Councillors	General Call for Evidence to known Residents Associations and Forums Ward Forum Discussions Autumn 2015

	the District there is perceived to be a particular problem		District Committee 14 January 2016
4	To establish if there is evidence to support the perception that there is a correlation between different types of housing and specific social/community issues such as anti-social behaviour or the condition of shared public space	Neighbourhood Policing Teams BCC Regulatory Services BCC Private Rented Sector	District Committee 14 January 2016
5	To establish with local stakeholders and partner organisations if there are common concerns arising from concentrations of particular types of housing, and what opportunities there may be for more co-ordinated responses to these	Registered Social Landlords Private Landlord Forum Representative Neighbourhood Policing Teams Homeless Support (BCC and Third Sector) Registered Providers & Third Sector "Supporting People" BCC O&S Report "Homeless Health" 7 July 2015	General Call for Evidence District Committee 14 January 2016 Review of Case Study (Soho)
6	To establish whether there are any policies or procedures that could be adopted by the Council that could improve the position and/or if the Council should be recommended to make representations to national government for new/additional powers	Cabinet Member University	TBA