



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

Chair: Councillor Victoria Quinn

Committee Members: Councillors Gurdial Singh Atwal, Andy Cartwright, Matthew Gregson, Roger Harmer, Penny Holbrook, Des Hughes, Mohammed Idrees, Mary Locke, Gary Sambrook, Ron Storer, Margaret Waddington

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Committee Manager: Marie Reynolds (464 4104)

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 | Housing Revenue Account | Rob James/Sukvinder Kalsi |
| | Allocations Update | Mike Walsh |
| | Homelessness Update | John Hardy |
| 14 November 2017 | Affordable and Social Housing | Waheed Nazir/Ian MacLeod/Uyen-Phan Han |
| 12 December 2017 | Tracking: Rough Sleeping & Prevention | Kalvinder Kohli/Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer |
| | The Impact of Universal Credit | Chris Gibbs/Tim Savill |



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| 23 January 2018 Deadline for reports: 12 Jan | Repairs and Maintenance Contracts | Rob James/John Jamieson |
| | Waste Update | Jacqui Kennedy/Darren Share |
| 20 February 2018 Deadline for reports: 9 Feb | Cabinet Member for Housing and Homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update on key priorities | Marcia Wynter, Cabinet Support Officer |
| | Homelessness Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of Homelessness Reduction Act Progress Report: Rough Sleeping & Prevention | Rob James/Kalvinder Kohli |
| | Investment in Refurbishment of Existing Council Homes | Rob James/Martin Tolley |
| 6 March 2018 Deadline for reports: 26 February | Update on Waste Collection Service Improvement Plan | Jacqui Kennedy |
| | Working with HMOs – evidence gathering | Emma Williamson/Jayne Power, Scrutiny Office |

2 Items to be programmed

- 2.1 Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Equality
- 2.2 Annual Report of the Community Safety Partnership
- 2.3 Homelessness Update – *Oct (6 months after implementation of Homelessness Reduction Act)*
- 2.4 Neighbourhood Management/New Devolution Model
- 2.5 Waste – Street Cleansing/Collection – New Operating Model

3 Summary of Work Programme Discussion

- 3.1 Members of the committee met in June to discuss potential items for the work programme, and a summary is set out below. Following July's meeting (where the Cabinet Member will outline his priorities), a schedule will be agreed.
 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.

4 Outstanding Tracking

| Inquiry | Outstanding Recommendations |
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| Rough Sleeping & Prevention | R01-R11 |

5 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.



6 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 |
|-------------|---|--|---------------------------|
| 004497/2018 | Housing Rent, Service Charges and other Charges 2018-19 | Housing and Homes | 6 March 2018 |
| 004656/2018 | Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 Implementation Plan | Housing and Homes | 6 March 2018 |
| 004666/2018 | Driving Housing Growth – Land Appropriations Report | Housing and Homes | 6 March 2018 |
| 004665/2018 | Birmingham Council Housing Investment Programme 2018/19 to 2020/21 | Housing and Homes | 27 March 2018 |
| 001429/2016 | Disposal of Surplus Properties | Leader | 27 March 2018 |
| 004869/2018 | Approval Contract Award and final business case – Kings Norton Phase 2 | Housing and Homes | 17 April 2018 |
| 004602/2018 | Building Birmingham: Approval of BMHT Housing Development Programme for 2018-20 | Housing and Homes | 26 June 2018 |
| 003385/2017 | BCC Energy Company – FBC | Clean Streets, Recycling and the Environment | 24 July 2018 |