

Housing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017-18

Thursday 27 July 2017

Agenda Rank	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Fire safety measures for tower blocks across Brent	<p>1.To assess the risk of any event similar to that of Grenfell Tower occurring particularly in social housing in Brent, and provide assurance if appropriate</p> <p>2.Improved awareness of the mitigation measures in place for civil emergencies;</p> <p>3. Responding to wider public interest.</p>	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	<p>Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing</p> <p>Peter Gadsdon, Director of Performance, Policy & Partnerships</p>
2.	Timeline of integration of Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) & Transformation programme	<p>1.Taking stock of the current state the transformation plan;</p> <p>2. Understand the impact on shared services for residents.</p>	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing
3.	Initial arrangements for co-opted members	Agree method and criteria for recruiting one BHP tenant and one BHP resident as co-optees.	Cllr Janice Long	N/A

4.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18	The report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017-18	Cllr Janice Long	N/A
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Thursday 14 September 2017

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Rent and management of Travellers site	1. Scrutinising issues leading to arrears.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Rowan Limond, Managing Director BHP (and Oxfordshire County Council); Residents of the site; Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing
2.	Scope – task group on fire safety in social housing	1. Agree scope (to have regard to work already done and previous reports to committee and full Council).	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; Peter Gadsdon, Director of Performance, Policy & Partnerships
3.	Developing oversight for Brent based Housing Associations (HA)	1. Develop a set of common indicators to measure performance of HAs in Brent; 2. Create a Terms of Reference for HAs to submit data towards an annual report;	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing John Magness, Head of Housing Partnerships
4.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18	The report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017-18	Cllr Janice Long	N/A

Wednesday 1 November 2017

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Housing complaints	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scrutinise housing complaints from annual complaints report and determine key messages; 2. Scrutinise handling of vexatious complaints; 3. Review new complaints handling mechanism after BHP dissolved 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing
2.	Implementation of actions previously recommended by Local Government Ombudsman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence of action taken based on the recommendations from the Local Government Ombudsman. 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing
3.	Brent's Housing Associations: scrutiny task group report (July 2016)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluate progress on recommendations from original report to CWB Scrutiny Committee in July 2016. 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	John Magness, Head of Housing Partnerships; Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing
4.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18	The report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017-18	Cllr Janice Long	N/A

Tuesday 16 January 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) rent setting	Pre-scrutiny of decision.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing
2.	Fire Safety task group report	1. Agree final report to committee before submitting to Cabinet in Feb.	Task Group chair (TBD); Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; Peter Gadsdon, Director of Performance, Policy & Partnerships
3.	Brent based Housing Associations (HA) delivery of social housing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of existing assets 2. Future strategy for Brent 3. Welfare issues addressed by HA (methods, means, and areas of collaboration with LBB) 4. Commitment and action between HA and their section 106 commitments 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Senior representatives of first HA
4.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18	The report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017-18	Cllr Janice Long	N/A

Thursday 22 Feb 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Leaseholder services	Section 20 consultation process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notice of intention; • notification of estimates; • notification of award of contract; 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing
2.	BHP Development plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size of portfolio; Value of portfolio; • Management and usage plans beyond integration of BHP within LB Brent Housing; • Financial forecast. 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing
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4.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18	The report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017-18	Cllr Janice Long	N/A

Wednesday 21 Mar 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	'Find your home' programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Performance of the scheme in Brent; 2. Understand whether programme is fit for purpose based on social needs; 3. Understand the relationship with welfare reform; 4. Impact on homelessness with special focus on Children & Young People. 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing
2.	Homelessness Reduction Act	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Role of the Trailblazer programme in delivering reduction in homelessness; 2. Council's preparation for the delivery of the new legislation. 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing
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4.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18	<p>The report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. 2017-18 	Cllr Janice Long	N/A