

| | |
|--|---|
|  Brent | <p align="center">Housing Scrutiny Committee</p> <p align="center">1 November 2017</p> <p align="center">Report from the Director of Performance, Policy and Partnerships</p> |
| <p align="right">Wards Affected: ALL</p> | |
| <p>Revision to the Housing Scrutiny Committee 2017-18 Work Programme</p> | |

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out revisions to the 2017-18 Housing Scrutiny Committee's work programme agreed on 27 Jul 2017. Selected agenda items have been changed from the schedule of programme.
- 1.2 The start time of the 1 Nov 2017 housing scrutiny meeting has been changed due to the meeting falling on an 'event day' at Wembley Stadium.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to discuss and agree the report and the work programme set out in Appendix A.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Scrutiny is a member-led process which looks at the performance of Brent Council and other organisations in the borough to ensure that they deliver good quality services to local residents. The role is to challenge effectively and the committee endorses the principles of effective scrutiny which have been developed by the Centre for Public Scrutiny.
- 3.2 They are to provide a 'critical friend' challenge to Cabinet, be independent-minded, drive improvement in public services, and finally to provide a voice for concerns of the public and Brent's communities. The committee sets out to do this in a constructive way.

4.0 Remit

- 4.1 The Housing Scrutiny Committee's remit is to scrutinise housing functions within the Community Wellbeing department, including the transfer of Brent Housing Partnership Ltd; housing supply; housing growth numbers; temporary accommodation; landlord licensing; the

private rented sector; housing policy; homelessness; registered providers; supported housing; floating support, and home adaptations. Its remit covers the portfolio areas of the Leader, Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Housing & Welfare Reform.

4.2 Under Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 local authorities are required to appoint at least one committee to provide overview and scrutiny. The committee is also responsible for scrutinising the partnership work of the Safer Brent Partnership and receives their annual reports each year.

4.3 The committee has its own chair and vice-chair and is made up of six other elected members. In accordance with the council's Standing Orders, there may be two co-opted members for Housing.

5.0 2017-18 work programme

5.1 In light of the need to provide an extended period to collect data from Registered Providers in Brent, agenda Item 1 for 1 Nov 2017 has been changed with an item brought forward from the 22 Feb 2018 meeting.

5.2 Appendix A includes revised work programme with one item exchanged between the 22 Feb 2018 to 1 Nov 2017 one new item added to the 22 Feb, 21 March 2018 housing scrutiny meetings. The table below highlights the changes within the work programme.

| Agenda item | Agreed work programme for 1 Nov meeting on 14 Sep 2017 | Revised work programme for 1 Nov meeting |
|--------------------|---|---|
| 1. | Brent based Registered Providers (RP) delivery of social housing | Leaseholder services |
| Agenda item | Agreed work programme for 22 Feb 2018 meeting on 14 Sep 2017 | Revised work programme for 22 Feb 2018 meeting |
| 1. | Leaseholder services | 1. Property adaptation & support measures for Persons with disability by Brent housing department |
| Agenda item | | New item for 21 Mar 2018 meeting |
| 4. | | 1. Outcome Based Review – domestic abuse |

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

7.0 Legal Implications

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

8.0 Diversity Implications

8.1 There are no diversity implications immediately arising from this report.

Contact Officers

Name: Sanjan Haque
Work Address: Brent Civic Centre
Telephone Number: 0208 937 2081
E-mail Address: sanjan.haque@brent.gov.uk

Name: Mark Cairns
Work Address: Brent Civic Centre
Telephone Number: 0208 937 1476
E-mail Address: mark.cairns@brent.gov.uk

PETER GADSDON

Strategic Director of Performance Policy & Partnership