



Housing Scrutiny Committee

22 February 2018

Report from the Director of Performance, Policy & Partnerships

Update on Housing Scrutiny Committee 2017-18 Work Programme

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	1
Background Papers:	N/A
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out revisions to the 2017-18 Housing Scrutiny Committee's work programme since it was agreed at the 16th January 2018 meeting.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Members are asked to discuss and agree the revised work programme for the remainder of the municipal year as set out in Appendix A.

3.0 Detail

- 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 These 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.

2017-18 work programme

- 3.3 Appendix A includes the revised work programme. One item has brought forward to February from March 2018 – i.e. Find your Home Programme. One item has also been added to March – i.e. Impact of Landlord Licensing
- 3.3 The table below highlights the changes from the agreed to the revised work programme. The item on the Outcome Based Review of Domestic Abuse, has been deferred until the next financial year, to allow for a more detailed discussion on the Homelessness Reduction Act, which comes into effect at the start of the next financial year.

Agenda item	Agreed work programme for March 2018 meeting	Revised work programme for March 2018 meeting
1.	Homelessness Reduction Act	Homelessness Reduction Act
2.	Brent Based Registered Provider (RP) Delivery of Social Housing	Brent Based Registered Provider (RP) Delivery of social housing (Catalyst)
3.	Outcome Based Review – Domestic Abuse	Impact of Landlord Licensing
4.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no implications.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no implications.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 There are no implications.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 There are no implications.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

- 8.1 There are no implications.

Report sign off:

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