

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	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 2.Improved awareness of the mitigation measures in place for civil emergencies; 3. Responding to wider public interest.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Peter Gadsdon, Director of Performance, Policy & Partnerships
2.	Timeline of integration of Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) & Transformation programme	1.Taking stock of the current state the transformation plan; 2. Understand the impact on shared services for residents.	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.	BHP performance data, resident engagement strategy and map of all BHP properties in each ward	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of performance indicators to understand delivery of housing services; 2. Use the current data as a baseline for future points of comparison after BHP's transition. 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance.
2.	Rent and management of Travellers site	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scrutinise rent levels and rent collection; 2. Management and delivery of services for residents. 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance; 4. Oxfordshire County Council.
3.	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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance.
4.	Scope – task group on Fire Safety of low-rise domestic properties (up to nine storeys)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance; 4. Sanjan Haque, Senior Policy

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5.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18	The report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017-18	Cllr Janice Long	1. Sanjan Haque, Senior Policy Officer

Wednesday, 1 November 2017

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Leaseholder services	Section 20 consultation process: 1. notice of intention; 2. notification of estimates; 3. notification of award of contract.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance.
2.	Brent's Housing Associations: scrutiny task group report (July 2016)	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	1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance; 4. John Magness, Head of Housing Partnerships
3.	Housing complaints	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	1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance
4.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017- 18	The report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017-18	Cllr Janice Long	1. Sanjan Haque, Senior Policy Officer

Tuesday, 16 January 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) rent setting	1. Pre-scrutiny of decision;	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance
2.	Fire Safety task group report	1. Review final report before submitting to Cabinet	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform; Task Group chair (Cllr Janice Long);	1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing
3.	Brent based Registered Providers (RP) delivery of social housing	1. Use of existing assets 2. Future strategy for Brent 3. Welfare issues addressed by RP (methods, means, and areas of collaboration with LBB) 4. Commitment and action between RP and their section 106 commitments	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. One registered provider (TBC).
4.	Brent's Housing Associations: scrutiny task group report (July 2016)	5. Evaluate progress on recommendations from original report to CWB Scrutiny Committee in July 2016.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 4. John Magness, Head of Housing Partnerships

5	Review short-listed candidates as co-opted members for the committee	1. Evaluate short-listed candidates as co-opted members for the Housing Scrutiny committee.	Cllr Janice Long	1. Mark Cairns, Policy & Scrutiny Manager
6.	Scaffolding protocol			Hakeem Osinaike Sean Gallagher

Thursday, 22 Feb 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; 1. Impact on homelessness with special focus on Children & Young People. 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance
2.	Brent Housing Management (BHM) Development plans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Size of portfolio; Value of portfolio; 2. Management and usage plans beyond integration of BHP within LB Brent Housing; 3. Financial forecast. 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance
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4.	Housing Management – Customer Service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To hear a deputation from resident 	n/a	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Neil Roddy - resident
5.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017-18 	Cllr Janice Long	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbara Grant, Senior Policy Advisor

Wednesday, 21 Mar 2018

Agenda	Item	Objectives for Scrutiny	Cabinet Member/Member	Attendees
1.	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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance.
2.	Brent based Registered Providers (RP) 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 RP (methods, means, and areas of collaboration with LBB) 4. Commitment and action between RP and their section 106 commitments 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Minesh Patel, Head of Finance; 4. One registered provider (Catalyst).
3.	Impact of landlord licensing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What impact has the Licensing Scheme had on tenants 2. What has been the impact on surrounding areas 3. What support has been available to affected tenants following a 'council raid' as a result of breach of license 	Cllr Harbi Farah, Lead Member for Housing and Welfare Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing; 2. Hakeem Osinaike, Operational Director Housing; 3. Spencer Randoplh, Head of Private Housing Services
4.	Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2017-18	The report updates Members on the Committee's Work Programme for 2017-18	Cllr Janice Long	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Barbara Grant, Senior Policy Advisor

Suggested for 18/19:

- Work to find larger travellers site/more pitches
- Impact of changes to traffic enforcement in estates with Traffic Mgt Orders
- Tackling voids
- Aids and adaptations
- Outcome Based Review – Domestic OBR/pan London domestic abuse progress report