	Housing Scrutiny Committee 24 November 2026
	Report from the Deputy Director, Democratic and Corporate Governance

Housing Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme 2026/27

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Not Applicable
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
List of Appendices:	One Appendix A – Housing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2026/27
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Executive Summary

1.1 To present the Committee's work programme for 2026/27.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 That the Committee's work programme (set out in Appendix A) be agreed.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Contribution to Borough Plan Priorities & Strategic Context

3.1.1 Borough Plan 2023-2027 – all strategic priorities.

3.2 Background

3.2.1 The work programme outlines the items which the Housing Scrutiny Committee will consider during the municipal year.

3.2.2 The programme is in line with the remit of the Committee which is set out in the Council Constitution (under the Terms of Reference for scrutiny committees[1]):

Housing needs and support; Homelessness and rough sleeping; Temporary Accommodation; Tenancy sustainment and compliance; Tenant and leaseholder engagement; Homes Adaptation Service; Fire safety in housing; Private Rented Sector support; Landlord licensing and forum; Renters' Rights Bill enforcement; New Council Housing delivery; Affordable Homes Programme; Housing compact with registered providers; i4B and First Wave Housing; Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Housing spend.

3.2.3 Committee members prioritised items for inclusion in its work programme at its annual work planning meeting, ensuring items selected aligned with:

- The strategic priorities set out in the Borough Plan 2023-27
- Areas of local community concern
- Significant issues affecting a significant number of residents/wards
- Emerging policies, strategies, or key decisions where there is strong interest for scrutiny input.

Nonetheless, this method of prioritisation is in line with best practice[2].

3.2.4 The work programme of a scrutiny committee is intended to be a flexible, living document that can adapt and change according to the needs of a committee. The 2026/27 work programme will therefore be regularly reviewed throughout the municipal year by the Committee and updated accordingly where necessary.

4.0 Stakeholder and ward member consultation and engagement

4.1 Non-executive members were involved in developing the work programme as part of their membership of the Committee.

4.2 In developing its work programme, the Committee held sessions with stakeholders such as the relevant cabinet member, corporate director, and ward councillors to temperature check key priority areas, avoid work duplication, and most importantly confirm the work programme reflects matters of local community concern.

5.0 Financial Considerations

[1] Brent Council Constitution, Part 4.
https://democracy.brent.gov.uk/documents/s142996/Part%204%20May%202024%20Terms%20of%20Reference%20.pdf

[2] The Good Scrutiny Guide (Centre for Public Scrutiny).
https://www.cfgs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/CfPS-Good-Scrutiny-Guide-v4-WEB-SINGLE-PAGES.pdf

5.1 There are no financial considerations arising from this report. However, budget and financial implications are addressed in the 'Financial Considerations' section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

6.0 Legal Considerations

6.1 There are no legal considerations arising from this report. However, legal implications are addressed in the 'Legal Considerations' section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

7.0 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Considerations

7.1 There are no EDI considerations for the purposes of this report. However, EDI implications are addressed in the 'EDI Considerations' section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

8.0 Climate Change and Environmental Considerations

8.1 There are no climate change and environmental considerations for the purposes of this report. However, climate change and environmental implications are addressed in the 'Climate Change and Environmental Considerations' section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

9.0 Human Resources/Property Considerations (if appropriate)

9.1 There are no human resources or property considerations for the purposes of this report. However, human resources or property implications are addressed in the 'Human Resources/Property Considerations' section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

10.0 Communication Considerations

10.1 There are no communication considerations for the purposes of this report. However, communication implications are addressed in the 'Communication Considerations' section of any reports to the Committee, requested as part of its work programme.

Report sign off:

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