

INTRODUCTION TO WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The programme is designed to assist the Council in achieving its corporate priorities by ensuring topics add value to the Council's objectives, are strategic in outlook, are timed to optimise scrutiny input and reflect the concerns of Waverley residents and council members. The programme is indicative and is open to being amended with the agreement of the Chair with whom the item is concerned. The work programme consists of three sections:-

- Section A – Lists items for Overview and Scrutiny consideration. It is not expected that the committee cover all items listed on the work programme and some items will be carried over into the following municipal year. In-depth scrutiny review topics for consideration by the respective Committee will also be listed in this section.
- Section B – Lists live in-depth scrutiny task and finish groups, including objectives, key issues and progress.
- Section C – Lists the Scrutiny tracker of recommendations for the municipal year.

Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Section A

Work programme 2018-19

Subject	Purpose for Scrutiny	Lead Member/ officer	Date for O&S consideration	Date for Executive decision (if applicable)
Ockford Ridge	To scrutinise the development and refurbishment programme and monitor the delivery of the project.	Louisa Blundell	<i>Standing item</i>	N/A
Annual Scrutiny Report	The Annual Scrutiny Report reflects on the past year of Overview and Scrutiny at Waverley (2017 – 18). For the Committee to receive and consider the Report.	Yasmine Makin	September 2018	N/A
Rent Setting Policy	To establish the rent setting policy for council homes.	Debbie Harding	September 2018	October 2018
Tenancy and Estates Progress Update	For officers to outline, and Members to consider, the key work areas and outcomes with regards to the Tenancy and Estates service.	Cllr Carole King / Rachel White	September 2018	N/A
Tackling Housing Fraud Progress Report	For the Committee to learn of progress made in terms of keeping assets safe and protected.	Cllr Carole King / Jose Ribiero	September 2018	N/A
Overview of Damp in Council Homes	To provide the Committee with information on the issue of damp in Council homes and introduce this as a potential area for further scrutiny by tenants.	Cllr Carole King / Simon Eversley	September 2018	N/A

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Performance Management Report Q1	To receive the performance management report for Q1.	Cllr Carole King / Nora Copping	September 2018	October 2018
Social Housing Green Paper briefing	To hear from officers about the themes and consultation questions from the green paper.	Cllr Carole King / Annalisa Howson	September 2018	N/A
Health Inequalities scrutiny review – Housing elements of the report outcomes	For the Committee to learn about the scrutiny review undertaken by a working group of the Community Wellbeing OS and to consider the Housing aspects which came out of that review.	Yasmine Makin	November 2018	The review report was considered and recommendations agreed by Executive in July 2018.
Affordable housing	Consider the extent to which housing association partners are delivering housing objectives in terms of meeting and matching need following comments made from the strategic review that there needs to be balanced communities who can afford to live here and work locally.	Andrew Smith	TBC	N/A
Homelessness Reduction Act 2017	For officers to keep the committee up to date with the impact of the legislation once in force, particularly on the Council's housing strategy.	Mike Rivers	November 2018	N/A
Waverley Scrutiny Group (WSG) Recharges report-progress update	To scrutinise the progress made so far by officers regarding the recommendations made in the report brought by the WSG at the July 2018 meeting of this Committee.	Hugh Wagstaff/ Simon Eversley	November 2018	N/A

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Waverley Scrutiny Group (WSG) Mutual Exchanges report	To receive the Mutual Exchanges review report from the tenants' Scrutiny Group.	Hugh Wagstaff	TBC	N/A
Future of Supported Housing Scheme	Consider white paper on Housing related support funding.	Mike Rivers	TBC	N/A
Universal Credit / Financial Inclusion	To consider the potential impacts of Universal Credit on the Housing Business Plan.	TBC	TBC	N/A
Private sector housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the enforcement of standards and compliance on private landlords (governance and regulations); and • Houses in multiple occupations: to scrutinise the Council's approach to enforcing standards of HMOs across the Borough in light of the anticipated legislative changes requiring 1 & 2 storey HMOs to obtain a license. 	Simon Brisk	TBC	N/A
Annual review of Housing Strategy	For the Committee to review the Housing Strategy.	Andrew Smith	March 2019	N/A

Section B

In-depth scrutiny reviews 2017-18

Subject	Objective	Key issues	Lead officer	Progress
<p>Review of Housing Design Standards</p>	<p>To provide members with an overview of the Design Standards and Specifications adopted in 2014 for new council homes and outline a proposal for review of these standards by the committee both in context of 'Site C' at Ockford Ridge and other future council housing developments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes by the Government to the Code for Sustainable Homes • Distinguishing between the legally binding nationally described standards and the optional requirements / recommendations for Local Housing Authorities (building regulations) • Whether current internal design standards (e.g. internal layout, storage space and room layout, including loft storage capacity) meet the needs of tenants and if not to identify which aspects can be improved • Health and safety 	<p>Louisa Blundell</p>	<p>The Housing Design Standards review report was brought to this Committee and to the Executive in July 2018. All recommendations were agreed and the new standards will be adopted in autumn 2018.</p>

Section C

Scrutiny tracker 2017-18

Housing Scrutiny recommendations tracker				
Meeting date	Agenda item	Outcome / Recommendations	Officer / Executive response	Timescale
3 July 2018	1. HRA Asset Management Strategy 2021 – 2026 scoping report	OUTCOME: for the current strategy to be updated to ensure it reflects changing technologies, in addition to other considerations listed on page 2 of the report.	In addition to the considerations listed in the report, officers will update the Strategy to reflect changes in development and technology.	The new Strategy will be for 2021 – 2026.
	2. Housing Design Standards Review – Working Group report	RECOMMENDATION: for the Executive to consider the report and agreed the recommendations contained within it.	Executive considered this report and agreed its recommendations at its 10 July 2018 meeting. More information can be found in section B.	July 2018
	3. Performance Management Report Q4	RECOMMENDATION: the Committee endorsed the new indicators and recommends their approval to the Executive.	The new indicators were agreed at the Executive 10 July 2018.	July 2018