

HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2022 AT 6.30 PM
COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CROWDALE CENTRE, 218 EVERSOLT STREET, LONDON,
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MEMBERS

Councillor Samata Khatoon (Chair) (L)

Councillors Sagal Abdi-Wali (L), Kemi Atolagbe (L), Richard Cotton (L),
Nasrine Djemai (L), Eddie Hanson (L), Nancy Jirira (LD),
Nanouche Umeadi (L)

Co-opted Members – 3 Vacancies

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillors Lorraine Revah (L), Nina De Ayala Parker (L),
Edmund Frondigoun (L), Lloyd Hatton (L), Tom Simon (LD) and
Jonathan Simpson (L)

L = Labour, LD = Liberal Democrat

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THERE ARE NO PRIVATE REPORTS

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AGENDA

Wards

1. GUIDANCE ON HYBRID MEETINGS

To agree the procedures for the operation of hybrid meetings.

(Pages 7 -
12)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To consider any apologies for absence

3. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF STATUTORY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, COMPULSORY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND VOLUNTARY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Broadcast of the meeting

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If you have asked to address the meeting, you are deemed to be consenting to having your contributions recorded and broadcast, including video when switched on, and to the use of those sound recordings and images for webcasting and/or training purposes.'

Any other announcements

- 5. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT**
- 6. MINUTES**
- To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2022. (Pages 13 - 20)
- 7. DEPUTATIONS**
- Requests to speak at the Committee on a matter within its terms of reference must be made in writing to the clerk named on the front of this agenda by 5pm two working days before the meeting.
- 8. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS** **All Wards**
- Report of the Director of Property Management. (Pages 21 - 22)
- To consider the appointment of the 3 Co-opted Member vacancies on the scrutiny committee.
- 9. UPDATE FOR SCRUTINY ON THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS AND THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE** **All Wards**
- Report of the Executive Director Corporate Services (Pages 23 - 40)
- The report sets out the context of the cost of living in Camden and the issues being experienced by our residents, communities, and businesses; reflects on the role of the Council and partners in providing support through short, medium, and long-term actions; and highlights how we are seeking to influence national policy to address the crisis.
- 10. A STRATEGY TO TACKLE OVERCROWDING AND PURCHASE FAMILY FRIENDLY HOMES** **All Wards**
- Report of the Cabinet Member Better Homes (Pages 41 - 76)
- This report sets out the context, aims, delivery proposals, process, estimated budget and proposed governance for the Overcrowding Strategy. The proposals will enable the Council to provide more support to overcrowded families and buy back former Right to Buy (ex-

Council) homes in Borough to increase the number of bedrooms and bed spaces so that more overcrowded families on the housing register can be accommodated in Council homes, using receipts from small and/ or unsuitable properties.

11. TRANSFORMATION OF HOUSING SERVICES

All Wards

Report of the Director of Housing

(Pages 77 -
84)

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Council's plan to transform its housing services.

12. UPDATE FROM CABINET MEMBER FOR BETTER HOMES

To consider the report from the Cabinet Member Better Homes

(Pages 85 -
88)

13. WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD PLAN

Report of the Director of Housing

(Pages 89 -
94)

This report suggests a possible work programme for the scrutiny committee

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

AGENDA ENDS

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 17 January 2023 at 6.30 pm in Committee Room 1, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD.