

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	WARDS: All
REPORT TITLE: Work Programme	
REPORT OF: Director of Housing	
FOR SUBMISSION TO: Housing Scrutiny Committee	DATE: 12.12.2022
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT: This report provides an update on the Committee's work programme for 2022/23 and provides an update on action requested at previous meetings of the Committee.</p> <p>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to information No documents that require listing were used in the preparation of this report</p> <p>Contact Officer: Glendine Shepherd, Director of Housing Services glendine.shepherd@camden.gov.uk</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATIONS: The members of the Housing Scrutiny Committee are asked:</p> <p>(i) to consider any proposals for items that should be included in the work programme and to confirm the work programme for the year ahead.</p>	

Signed:



Director of Housing Services

Date: 01.12.2022

1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The committee has been set up with the following terms of reference:

- To scrutinise the Council's policies and the provision, planning, financing, management and performance of services relating to housing provided by the Council and other service providers.

1.2 A committee workplan is attached to this report (Appendix A). The committee may wish to make further suggestions or amendments to the workplan for the year ahead.

2. **CABINET FORWARD PLAN – Housing**

2.1 A report titled Funding Agreements with HS2 Ltd (for mitigating impacts of HS2 works on Cartmel, Coniston and Langdale, Regent's Park Estate (Regent's Park) is scheduled for Council Cabinet on 18 January 2023. Housing Scrutiny is requested to confirm if the report should be presented at the January meeting of Housing Scrutiny Committee (17th January 2023).

3 **PANELS**

3.1 The Scrutiny committee may establish a time limited, task focussed Panel. The Panel is chaired by a member of the committee and is able to request contributions and evidence about local housing services from a wider range of contributors including Partners, expert advisors and local residents. A report is made by the Panel to the Scrutiny Committee on its findings at the end of its work. Updates are provided to the Committee by the Chair of the panel whilst its work is ongoing.

3.2 Committee members are reminded of the constraints on Council resources at this time and have previously committed to run these Member-led panels with only limited officer support in order to ensure an efficient and cost-effective process.

4 **CO-OPTEEES**

4.1 In addition to council members, the committee has previously decided that three co-optees should sit on the committee. These arrangements are subject to annual review.

5 **ACTION TRACKER**

5.1 The actions arising from the last meeting (November 2022) are attached at Appendix B.

5. COMMENTS OF THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR

5.1 The Borough Solicitor has been consulted and has no comments to make on the report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

6.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services has been consulted and has no comment to add.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are none.

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

**Housing Scrutiny Committee draft work programme
2022/23**

7TH JANUARY 2023

Draft agenda

- Medium Term Financial Strategy (Cabinet report)
- Cabinet report – HRA budget setting (Cabinet report)
- Corporate Performance report (Q2)
- Cabinet Member Better Homes (update report)
- Improving the safety of estates (assess crime and ASB data, progress on CCTV Installation across the borough)
- Community Investment Programme Annual report
- Work programme

21ST FEBRUARY 2023

Draft agenda

- Annual portfolio report: Better Homes
- Report of the Cabinet Adviser (Rough sleeping: homelessness prevention, temporary accommodation, and the review with public health of homelessness provision)
- Report of the Cabinet Adviser (Estates Mission)
- State of the Borough report
- Work programme

Yet to be programmed

- Allocations Policy (Policy review and service redesign)
- Leaseholder services
- Landlord Licensing Scheme update
- Camden Housing Strategy

APPENDIX B – HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER (NOVEMBER 2022)

Meeting	Item	Action	Action by	Status
15/11/22	Housing Associations annual performance report	The housing associations agreed to provide information to members regarding the support they are providing tenants in relation to assisting tenants with debt management in light of the cost of living crisis; the proposals for retrofitting their stock; investing in fire safety measures; addressing overcrowding; and planned investment in 2022/23 in their Camden housing stock. In addition, Clarion Housing Association agreed to provide specific information relating to the views expressed in the deputation statement and One Housing to respond to the query raised regarding proposed evictions at Arlington House by Councillor Richard Cotton. The responses would be co-ordinated by officers in the Council.	Director of Housing to co-ordinated the responses	To be circulated before the meeting. Note response provided to Cllr Cotton on 22 nd Nov 22
15/11/22	Corporate Performance report 22/23 quarter 1	Officers would provide data to members regarding the call-back and text messaging schemes	Director of Property Management	To be circulated before the meeting