

## **Appendix 2 - HOUSNG AND COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME SUGGESTIONS 2024 – 25**

This document contains:

- Existing Work Programme Commitments
- Councillor suggestions
- Officer suggestions

### **Meeting Dates**

July 2024

12 September 2024

10 December 2024

28 January 2025

2 April 2025

## **1 EXISTING COMMITMENTS**

**Budget Scrutiny** – budget proposals either at the Autumn meeting or a ‘one off special’ meeting to consider the General Fund and the HRA.

Officers are drafting a report for September meeting on the HRA at the request of the Committee.

A report setting out progress and impacts of the budget proposal for VCS consolidation be provided to the Housing and Communities Select Committee. (Housing and Communities Select Committee)

Response: Accepted by the Lead Member.

The issue of temporary accommodation in the borough and its effect on the budget be monitored and addressed by the Leadership Team and regular updates be provided to the Housing and Communities Select Committee accordingly. (Housing and Communities Select Committee)

Response: Regular updates will be scheduled as part of the Housing and Communities Select Committee Work Programme.

**The Hostels Working Group** – due to report in 2024

**Fire safety** – there is a commitment to include this in the work programme each year.

**Key performance indicator reports** - Housing & Social Investment and Communities

<b>Topic</b>
<p>Temporary Accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removing people from their community, families and friends - Councillor</li> <li>• Development of the Fire Risk Strategy with accommodation in procured for temporary accommodation purposes - Officer</li> </ul>
<p>Fire Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire Doors - Councillor</li> <li>• Fire Hazard materials installed on buildings - Councillor, Resident</li> <li>• Social Housing Regulation Act Compliance - Councillor</li> </ul>
<p>Tenancies/ Allocations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocations policy – Councillor</li> <li>• Affordable/private/social/tenancies, how many affected – Councillor</li> </ul>
<p>Damp and Mould</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Housing - Resident</li> <li>• Private Rented Sector enforcement powers - Resident</li> </ul> <p>(Looked at 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 23. KD to approve new damp and mould policy decision due in August)</p>
<p>Consultation and Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Localism Act 2011. Ensuring resident involvement and effective engagement. (Housing) - Resident</li> <li>• The resident engagement function in line with the Regulator's and the Ombudsman's expectations. (Housing) - officer</li> <li>• Co-production – Councillor</li> <li>• Major schemes and consultation – Councillor, additional item</li> </ul>
<p>Legislation/Regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of, and adaptation to, policy and regulation changes - Officer</li> <li>• The delivery and management of our safety regime to ensure it meets changing legislative requirements – Officer</li> <li>• Changes in Housing Management regulatory landscape (Social Housing Regulation Act and Building Safety Act) - Officer</li> </ul>

#### Housing Strategies/ policies

- The delivery of the Sustainability and Fuel poverty strategy - Officer

#### Capital Works /Refurbishment

- The ongoing delivery of the Capital Works Programme - Officer
- LWE Refurbishment - Councillor
- Approach to the asset management strategy, including potential investment opportunities and disposals – Officer
- Development of the Housing Strategy - Officer
- Development of the strategy to increase supply of accommodation in both the social and private sector - Officer
- The ongoing delivery of the New Homes Programme (discussed Feb 6 and visited 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Also asked to be added to WP 13.5.24) - Officer, Councillors
- Asset Strategy – Officer
- The procurement of large contracts (housing) – Officer, councillor
- Implications of building issues at Pembroke Road depot (including capital investment, and service implications) - Officer
- Scaffolding – councillor additional item

#### Grenfell

- Curve Legacy, the work to establish an independent charitable community trust – Officer
- Grenfell Project Fund, scrutinising the development and implementation of the next round of funding – Officer

#### Workforce Culture

- Workforce culture towards residents (housing) arising from TCC work - Councillor, Resident

#### Repairs

- Repairs performance – Resident, Councillor
- Repairs reporting - Resident
- The appointment and monitoring of contractors – Resident

Repairs Conference 4 March. Report agreed by HCSC 13 May.

### Communities and the VCS

- Citizens Panel, an update on the programme of surveys with the panel for 2024/25 and how the results have and will be implemented in service design and delivery – Officer
- Canalside house – Councillor, Resident
- Preferred partners (direct support communities) - Councillor
- Information advice and guidance, the Committee could have a role in scrutinising the performance of the new contract by the consortium – Resident
- Community centres – Councillor additional item
- Youth voice – Exploring the breadth of activity through the Youth Participation team to ensure young people are able to influence decision making, not just through Children’s Services but also across other parts of the Council (e.g. Planning, transport and environment) - Officer