

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

HOUSING AND PROPERTY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20 JANUARY 2011

REPORT BY HEAD OF GOVERNANCE SERVICES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

1. TOUR OF TMO ESTATES

- 1.1 To remind Members of the Scrutiny Committee that the Tour of TMO Estates will take place on **Wednesday 2 February leaving the Town Hall at 1.30pm.** The Chief Executive of the TMO and his Management Team are working on an Itinerary for the tour.

FOR INFORMATION

2. ROTA VISITS

- 2.1 Attached as **Appendix A** to this report is the Scrutiny Committee's schedule of rota visits.

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3. IN-DEPTH REVIEWS

- 3.1 The Sub-Group on Temporary Accommodation, chaired by Councillor Marshall, is carried forward from 2009/10 and its final report is anticipated to come to the 17 March meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 The Sub-Group on Allocation, Use and Management of Property Resources, chaired by Councillor Read, met for the first time on 20 December and is due to meet again on 27 January.
- 3.3 When the Sub-Group on Temporary Accommodation has submitted its final report, the Sub-Group on Standards at which Empty Council Properties are let to New Tenants will commence. Councillor Rossi is due to be Chairman of this Sub-Group and joined by Councillors Williams and Dent Coad.

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4. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING ON 10 NOVEMBER

- 4.1 Matters unresolved from the last meeting of the Scrutiny Committee are as follows.
- 4.2 On Minute A9 (Miscellaneous Matters) Paragraph 4 (Matters Arising from Last Meeting etc) Councillor Dent Coad has now met with the Head of Housing and the New Initiative Manager to receive a briefing on Section 106 Commuted Sums.

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5. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORTS CIRCULATED

- 5.1 Following on from its predecessor, the Scrutiny Committee intends that certain performance monitoring reports should be circulated electronically outside of the meeting cycle and that there should be a point on the meeting agenda where Members could raise queries from performance monitoring reports. This is the point of the agenda for such questions to be raised.
- 5.2 On this particular occasion no performance monitoring reports have been circulated.

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6. VITAL IMPROVEMENTS - PROGRESS REPORT

- 6.1 Similar to the performance monitoring report(s) referred to above, the Clerk will circulate the Vital Improvements - Progress Report to Members of the Scrutiny Committee separately from the meeting agenda. This Progress Report is in the format of a hard copy, colour page document.
- 6.2 This is the point on the meeting agenda when Members can raise queries from the Vital Improvements - Progress Report.

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7. SCRUTINY REPORT AND KEY AGENDA ITEM TRACKER

- 7.1 This table lists scrutiny matters that are unresolved from previous meetings (including housing matters from the former Housing, EH and ASC Scrutiny Committee):-

TOPIC	CURRENT POSITION
Investigation into Illegal Subletting - Final Report of Sub-Group (reported to the Housing, EH and ASC Scrutiny Committee in March 2010)	Referred to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Property in June 2010.
Extinguishing the Risk - Councillor's Guide to Fire Safety (reported to the Housing, EH and ASC Scrutiny Committee in March 2010)	Follow up report was promised on progress made to address recommendations. This follow up report appears elsewhere on the agenda.

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8. THE FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

- 8.1 Attached at **Appendix B** to this report is an extract from the Forward Plan showing all those decisions to be taken by individual Cabinet Members or the full Cabinet which will be open to scrutiny by this Scrutiny Committee.

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Public background papers used in preparation of this report:

None.

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