

How Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee will work

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HSSC - rationale

- Greater public transparency and scrutiny
- High profile amongst Members
- Priority for local residents
- Key determinant of quality of life

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- Rapid changes: local, regional, national
- Affordable housing - top priority
- Housing Strategy 2016-21

How will it work?

- Consider practical improvements
- Mayor and Cabinet fully engaged
- In depth review or challenge session
- Pre-decision scrutiny of Cabinet papers
- Listen, observe and learn
- Provide challenge, spotlight and evidence

How will it work?

- Solution focussed
- Recommend improvements
- Policy development
- Performance management
- Service visits and meetings with officers

What will it do?

- Provide scrutiny
- Social and private landlords
- Identify best practice

What does it want to achieve?

- Make an impact
- Find solutions to local housing challenges
- Enable
- Drive up standards
- Highlight improvements
- Independent review and challenge
- Recognise good practice
- Partnership

Previous work

2012/13

Review: Housing regulations introduced in the Localism Act 2011 Challenge Session: Housing lettings for people with mental health problems-

2013/14

Housing Spotlights: Focused on delivering a sufficient supply of affordable housing, costs of the Decent Homes Programme and tackled problems in the private rented sector.

2014/15

Challenge Session: Implications of conservation areas for extensions to family homes

Challenge Session: Quality of social housing funded through section 106 agreements

2015/16

Challenge Session: Homelessness within the borough- Considered how the Council can become less reliant on using B&B accommodation to meet the needs of homeless families and find viable alternatives.

2016/17

Review: Under occupation of social housing

Spotlight: Repairs Services

Thank You

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