

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee

Agenda

Thursday, 19 October 2023 6.30 p.m.
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel

Members:

Chair: Councillor Abdul Mannan

Vice Chair: Councillor Shafi Ahmed

Councillor Musthak Ahmed, Councillor Saif Uddin Khaled, Councillor Marc Francis,
Councillor Asma Islam and Councillor James King

Co-opted Members:

Mahbub Anam ((Tenant representative)) and Susanna Kow ((Leaseholder
representative))

Deputies: Councillor Mohammad Chowdhury, Councillor Ayas Miah, Councillor
Amina Ali, Councillor Bellal Uddin, Councillor Kamrul Hussain and Councillor Bodrul
Choudhury

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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A Guide to Overview and Scrutiny

The Local Government Act 2000 established the overview and scrutiny function for every council, with the key roles of:

- Scrutinising decisions before or after they are made or implemented
- Proposing new policies and commenting on draft policies, and
- Ensuring customer satisfaction and value for money.

The aim is to make the decision-making process more transparent, accountable and inclusive, and improve services for people by being responsive to their needs.

In Tower Hamlets, the function is exercised by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC). The OSC considers issues from across the council and partnership remit. The Committee has 3 Sub-Committees which focus on health, housing and grants.

Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee

The Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee will undertake overview and scrutiny, pertaining to housing matters. This will include:

- (a) Reviewing and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of the Council's housing functions;
- (b) Advising the Mayor, DCLG Commissioners or Cabinet of key issues/questions arising in relation to housing reports due to be considered by the Mayor, DCLG Commissioners or Cabinet;
- (c) Making reports and/or recommendations to the full Council and/or the Mayor, DCLG Commissioners or Cabinet in connection with the discharge of housing functions;
- (d) Delivering (c) by organising an annual work programme, drawing on the knowledge and priorities of the council, registered providers and other stakeholders, that will identify relevant topics or issues that can be properly scrutinised;
- (e) Holding service providers to account, where recent performance fails to meet the recognised standard, by looking at relevant evidence and make recommendations for service improvements;
- (f) Considering housing matters affecting the area or its inhabitants, including where these matters have been brought to the attention of the sub-committee by tenant and resident associations, or members of the general public.
- (g) The Sub-Committee will report annually to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on its work.

Public Engagement

Meetings of the sub committee are open to the public to attend, and a timetable for meeting dates and deadlines can be found on the council's website.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (PAGES 7 - 8)

Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, please see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are reminded to declare the nature of the interest and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it's the Members' responsibility to declare any interests and to update their register of interest form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of your interest, you are advised to seek advice prior to the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (PAGES 9 - 18)

To confirm as a correct record of the proceedings the unrestricted minutes of the meeting of the held on 11th September 2023.

3. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Fire Safety Action Plan (Pages 23 - 42)

4.2 Bringing Housing Management Services (THH) back in-house (Pages 43 - 60)

4.3 Building Safety Update (Pages 61 - 74)

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting of the Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub Committee

Thursday, 14 December 2023 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Council Chamber - Town Hall, Whitechapel