

HOUSING SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 26 September 2018 at 6.30 p.m.

MP701 - Town Hall Mulberry Place

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Vice-Chair: Councillor Dan Tomlinson

Councillor Shah Ameen, Councillor Shad Chowdhury, Councillor Muhammad Harun and Councillor Andrew Wood

Substitutes:

Councillor Sabina Akhtar, Councillor Mohammed Ahbab Hossain, Councillor Helal Uddin and Councillor Peter Golds

Co-opted Members:

Anne Ambrose

Moshin Hamim

Tenant Representative

Leaseholder Representative

[The quorum for this body is 3 voting Members]

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS 7 - 10

To note any declarations of interest made by Members, including those restricting Members from voting on the questions detailed in Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992. See attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) 11 - 16

To note as an accurate record the minutes of the meeting on the 3 July 2018 and to be signed by the Chair.

3. ACTIONS LOG 17 - 18

To review and update.

(18:30-18:45)

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

4.1 SOCIAL HOUSING GREEN PAPER

Presented by Mark Baigent, Interim Divisional Director Housing & Regeneration.

The Social Housing Green Paper published for consultation on the 14 August 2018 is the government vision for a new deal for social housing. The Committee will receive a presentation outlining government proposals through 5 of the key priorities: 1. Decent homes, 2. Effective resolution of complaints, 3. Strengthening regulation and empowering residents, 4. Tackling stigma and celebrating communities, 5. Housing supply and ownership. The committee is to comment on proposals.

(18:45-19:05)

4.2 EMPTY AND SECOND HOMES

Presented by Mark Baigent Interim Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration.

The Committee will receive a presentation on the number of empty properties (up to and more than 6 months) and second homes in the borough, and the Council's response. To note and comment on the presentation.

(19:05-19:20)

4.3 VOIDS (THH & THHF)

Presented by Beverley Greenidge, Head of Neighbourhoods, Sandra Fawcett - Chair Tower Hamlets Housing Forum.

The presentations will include information on the management of voids and empty properties, including the return of keys, and average re-let times with comparative data. To note and comment on the presentations.

(19:20-19:40)

4.4 COMMON HOUSING REGISTER & ALLOCATIONS POLICY

Presented by Rafiqul Hoque, Head of Housing Options.

The Committee will receive a presentation on the Common Housing Register and Allocations Policy, numbers on the waiting list, priority bandings, the assessment and allocation process and planned service improvements. To note and comment on the presentation.

(19:40-20:00)

5. 2018/19 WORK PROGRAMME

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To note the Committee's work programme for the year. Introduced by Chair, Lead Officers: Rosy Wilkie, SPP Officer and Abidah Kamali, Business Improvement Co-ordinator.

(20:00-20:10)

6. PERFORMANCE MONITORING

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Introduced by Chair. To note the performance monitoring for Q1 (2018/19).

(20:10-20:20)

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Any other business to be considered at Chair's discretion.

(20:20-20:30)

Next Meeting of the Sub- Committee

The next meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee will be held on **Tuesday, 20 November 2018 at 6.30 p.m.**