

<p>Non-Executive Report of the:</p> <p><b>Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee</b></p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> April 2019</p>	
<p><b>Report of:</b> Mark Baigent, Interim Divisional Director, Housing and Regeneration</p> <p>Councillor Sirajul Islam, Deputy Mayor for Housing</p>	<p><b>Classification:</b> [Unrestricted]</p>
<p><b>Strategic Plan reporting Q1-Q3 2018/19 – Extract from the Cabinet report: activities and measures relating to housing</b></p>	

### **Executive Summary**

This report provides the Housing Scrutiny sub-committee with an update on the delivery and implementation of the activities and measures relating to Housing from the council's Strategic Plan 2018/19 up to the end of quarter 3 (December 2018).

### **Recommendations:**

The Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the progress in delivering Strategic Plan activities and the performance of the strategic measures up to the quarter 3 period relating to Housing.

## **1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS**

- 1.1 The council's Performance & Accountability Framework sets out the process for monitoring the timely and effective delivery of the Strategic Plan to improve outcomes for residents.
- 1.2 This report promotes openness, transparency and accountability by enabling Housing Scrutiny sub-committee members to track progress of activities and outcomes relating to Housing that impact on our community.

## **2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 2.1 Housing Scrutiny sub-committee can decide not to review the performance information. This is not recommended as Members have a key role to review and challenge underperformance and also utilise performance information to inform resource allocation.

## **3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT**

### *3.1 Background*

- 3.2 This report provides the Housing Scrutiny sub-committee with an update on the delivery and implementation of the council's Housing related Strategic Plan activities and measures for 2018/19 up to the end of quarter 3 (December 2018).

### *3.3 Performance summary*

- 3.4 At the end of quarter 3 all of the Housing related activities are considered to be on target and are expected to deliver by the end of the financial year.
- 3.5 There are six performance indicators relevant for Housing Scrutiny sub-committee. Performance is shown in detail in Appendix 1 and shows our position at the end of the Q3 period.

***Proportion of affordable housing secured through the planning process*** – at the end of Q3, this measure was marginally off target; however performance has improved in the long and short term.

***Families re-housed from overcrowded conditions*** – target exceeded

***Effectiveness of homelessness prevention*** – target exceeded

***Affordable homes completed*** – 322 affordable homes were completed as at end of December 2018; missing the in-year target of 874. This is primarily the result of slippage on two Canary Wharf Group schemes.

No targets have been set for these two measures

***Households living in temporary accommodation*** – at the end of December 2018 there were 1,862 households living in temporary accommodation. This represents a slight increase since the previous period (quarter 2) but an improvement over the long term.

***Resident satisfaction with the area*** – this is an annual resident survey measure. The 2019 survey will be out in the field in March 2019.

#### **4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The council's Strategic Plan is focused on meeting the needs of the diverse communities living in Tower Hamlets and ensuring that everyone can play their part in a vibrant and cohesive community. The strategic outcomes and supporting activities are designed to reduce inequalities and to foster community cohesion. Equalities considerations are embedded in all outcomes of the Strategic Plan with specific actions focusing on areas of inequality identified through the Borough Needs Assessment being addressed under *Outcome 4 - Inequality is reduced and people feel that they fairly share the benefits from growth.*

#### **5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This section of the report is used to highlight further specific statutory implications that are either not covered in the main body of the report or are required to be highlighted to ensure decision makers give them proper consideration. The following implications are of specific relevance to quarterly performance reporting:

- Best Value Implications,
- Consultations,
- Environmental (including air quality),
- Risk Management,
- Crime Reduction,
- Safeguarding.

##### *5.2 Best Value (BV) Implications*

- 5.2.1 Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires the council as a best value authority to “make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness”. Monitoring of performance information and acting on the findings is an important way in which that obligation is being fulfilled.

##### *5.3 Risk management implications*

- 5.3.1 In line with the council's risk management strategy, the information contained within the strategic indicator monitoring will assist the Cabinet, Corporate

Directors and relevant service managers in delivering the ambitious targets set out in the Strategic Plan. Regular monitoring reports will enable Members and Corporate Directors to keep progress under regular review.

## **6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**

- 6.1 This report updates the Housing Scrutiny sub-committee on the delivery and implementation of the activities and measures relating to Housing in the Council's Strategic Plan 2018/19 to the end of Quarter 3 (December 2018). There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES**

- 7.1 The report provides performance information. It is consistent with good administration for the council to consider monitoring information in relation to plans that it has adopted in order to achieve best value.
- 7.2 When considering its performance, the council must have due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful conduct under the Equality Act 2010, the need to advance equality of opportunity and the need to foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not (the public sector equality duty). The council's targets are formulated by reference to its public sector equality duty and monitoring performance against those targets should help to ensure they are delivered.

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## **Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents**

### **Linked Report**

- NONE

### **Appendices**

- Appendix 1: Strategic Plan reporting Q1-Q3 2018/19 – extract from Cabinet reports: activities and measures relating to Housing.

### **Background Documents – Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012**

- None

### **Officer contact details for documents:**

N/A