

Scrutiny Lead - Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Written Update –

OSC Meeting 1 March 2021

1. Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee Meetings 2020/21 held to date:

Two meetings of the H&R Scrutiny Sub-Committee have been held during this financial year (2020/21): the first on 3rd November 2020 and the last meeting on **Wednesday 10th February 2021** where we considered:

- A report on Social Landlords Performance with One Housing Group in attendance.
- The revised *Homelessness Reduction Act – One Year On* report with strengthened recommendations for action – which the sub-committee approved.
- A presentation from Tower Hamlets Homes updating the sub-committee on the Leaseholder Service Improvement Plan.
- A presentation from the Head of Regeneration providing the sub-committee with a comprehensive update on regeneration activity across the council.
- A presentation from the Housing Companies Manager and the Divisional Director for Housing updating the sub-committee on the position with the 2 Housing Companies: Seahorse Homes and Mulberry Housing Society.

2. Actions arising from H&RSSC Meeting held on 10th February 2021:

The minutes of the meeting are still being drafted and any actions have yet to be set out.

3. The Items to be considered at the next meeting on the 15th April 2021:

Item	Actions/Recommendations
Policy Framework Scrutiny Social Landlords Performance Report	A report on PRP performance alongside the third invited PRP to attend (yet to be selected).
Open Spaces Action Plan	A progress report updating the sub-committee on the actions taken to deliver the plan.
Spotlight Employment Support – Covid-19 Response	A presentation on the Council's response in supporting residents into employment who have been displaced by the Covid-19 pandemic, focussing on jobs and skills.
Spotlight Fire Safety Progress Report	Following on from the 2017 scrutiny review of fire safety, this item will update members on the Council's work in remediating ACM cladding from the Borough's high-rise blocks. Progress on the MHCLG's External Wall Survey and an update on legislation will also be provided.

4. Other Actions:

In my capacity as Chair of the Sub-Committee, I have had the following meetings with key officers from across the council and related organisations:

Date	Officer(s)	Area Discussed
23/11/20	Andy Simpson – Head of SPP (Place)	Key strategic priorities across Housing and Regeneration
24/11/20	Abul Kalam & Riad Akbar (Housing Options)	Temporary Accommodation and the Customer Service Improvement Project
25/11/20	Anne Sutcliffe – Corporate Director (Place) & Sripriya Sudhakar – Head of Regeneration (Place)	Wider regeneration projects across the council
1/12/20	Nicola Klinger Housing Companies Manager	Background on the council's 2 housing companies – Mulberry Homes and Seahorse Homes
2/2/21	Pam Bhamra Director of Operations THCH and Chair of THHF	Tower Hamlets Housing Forum and its various sub-committees

I have one further meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3rd March with the (Acting) Divisional Director for Growth and Economic Development Vicky Clarke) to discuss the specific area of employment support that we could scrutinise at the April 2021 meeting.