


Cabinet 9 February 2022	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director of Place	Classification: Unrestricted
Annual Delivery Report – Housing & Homes	

Lead Member	Councillor Danny Hassell, Cabinet Member for Housing
Originating Officer(s)	Una Bedford, Strategy and Policy Officer, Place and Karen Swift, Divisional Director Housing & Regeneration
Wards affected	All
Key Decision?	No - this report is for noting purposes and information only.
Reason for Key Decision	This report has been reviewed as not meeting the Key Decision criteria.
Forward Plan Notice Published	5 October 2021
Strategic Plan Priority / Outcome	1. People are aspirational, independent and have equal access to opportunities. 2. A borough that our residents are proud of and love to live in. 3. A dynamic outcomes-based council using digital innovation and partnership working to respond to the changing needs of our borough.

Executive Summary

This report sets out what the council has achieved in the provision and delivery of housing and homes over the course of the last year since the onset of the Coronavirus pandemic. It provides an overview of the activities that the services within the Housing and Regeneration directorate have been engaged in as a response to the challenges that the pandemic has presented. It highlights how these services have risen to these challenges to support residents while maintaining essential services during this critical time.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Note the progress and actions taken by officers over the course of the last year in terms of the provision of housing and homes.

1 REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 This report provides a substantial account of the council's activities in the provision and delivery of homes and housing services from the onset of the pandemic. The report highlights the volume of work and progress made over the course of the past year despite the unprecedented demand on these services because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

2 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 N/A

3 DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 Throughout this extraordinary time, the focus of the services within the Housing and Regeneration portfolio has been to support our residents given the exceptional circumstances and economic and social uncertainties that they have faced. Consequently, our resources and attention have been invested in ensuring that residents have whatever additional support that they have needed during this time while ensuring that the council and its partners maintain the provision our existing services throughout the pandemic.
- 3.2 This report sets out our key achievements throughout this tumultuous period for each service area within Housing and Regeneration and what the next steps will be as we move towards 'business as usual activities'.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Public Sector Equality Duty (as set out in the Equality Act 2010) aims to embed equality considerations into the day-to-day work of public bodies, so that they tackle discrimination and inequality and contribute to making society fairer. The actions undertaken and underway by the council in respect of meeting its obligations in terms of housing provision and delivery in the borough reflect this duty.

5. OTHER STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no other statutory implications identified at this stage. The council's work to date and going forward is considered to be commensurate with all its best value, environmental and safeguarding responsibilities.

6. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 6.1 These briefing outlines what the council has achieved over the past year and during the pandemic and therefore has no direct future finance implications.

7. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES

- 7.1 This briefing outlines what the council has achieved over the past year and during the pandemic and therefore has no direct legal implications
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Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Annual Delivery Report 2020-21 PowerPoint Presentation

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

- None

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