

Report to the Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 22 January 2008



Subject: Housing Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2007/8 – Progress Report

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Recommendations:

That the Progress Report on the Panel's Work Programme 2007/8, attached as an Appendix, be noted.

Report

1. Attached as an Appendix is the current position with regard to each of the tasks assigned by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the Panel for its Work Programme in 2007/8, which also includes some additional tasks.

**Housing Scrutiny Panel
Work Programme 2007/8**

WORK PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

Item	Priority	Original Report Deadline	Current Position
Issues Within the Original Work Programme			
(1) Implementation of Choice Based Lettings	High	Ongoing in 2007/8	Completed – The Council's Choice Based Lettings Scheme was successfully introduced in November 2007. A report on the introduction is being reported to this meeting of the Scrutiny Panel. The Scrutiny Panel will also undertake a formal six-month review of the implementation.
(2) Private Sector Housing Strategy Action Plan	High	Ongoing in 2007/2008	Completed – A presentation on progress being made with the Action Plan was given at the Scrutiny Panel's meeting in October 2007
(3) Progress on meeting PSA7 target on Decent Homes	High	Ongoing in 2007/2008	Not yet required – Progress report to be given to the March 2008 meeting
(4) Implementation of Housing Assistance Policy 2007	High	August 2007	In progress – An update on implementation was given to the Scrutiny Panel in October 2007, as part of the presentation on the Private Sector Housing Strategy Action Plan. A more detailed update will be given in July 2008
(5) Annual Ethnic Monitoring Review of Housing Applicants	Medium	July 2007	Completed – At the April 2007 meeting of the Panel
(6) Draft Housing Strategy Statement & Strategic Housing Action Plan	High	October 2007	Limited progress – A committee of the London Commuter Belt Housing Sub Region is considering how local housing strategies should be linked to the sub regional housing strategy. It should be possible to make progress on this issue in the next few months.
(7) Annual Review of the Housing Allocations Scheme	High	October 2007	Completed – At the October 2007 meeting of the Panel

(8) Review of Incentives for Tenants to move to Smaller Accommodation	Medium	October 2007	Completed – As part of the Annual Review of the Housing Allocations Scheme in October 2007
(9) Six-monthly Progress Report on Housing Business Plan Action Plan	Medium	January 2008	To be considered at this meeting – 22 January 2008
(10) Six-monthly Progress Report on Strategic Housing Action Plan	Medium	April 2008, now March	Not yet required
(11) Updated draft HRA Business Plan	High	April 2008, now March	To be reported to the next meeting – 18 th March 2008
Issues Added to Original Work Programme During the Year			
(12) Housing Service Strategy on Energy Efficiency	Medium	October 2007	Completed – At the October 2007 meeting of the Panel
(13) Housing Service Strategy on Housing Information	Medium	October 2007	Completed – At the October 2007 meeting of the Panel
(14) Housing Service Strategy on Tenant Participation	Medium	October 2007	Completed – At the October 2007 meeting of the Panel
(15) Housing Service Strategy on Rent Arrears	Medium	October 2007	Completed – At the October 2007 meeting of the Panel
(15) Housing Service Strategy on Anti-Social Behaviour	Medium	October 2007	Completed – At the October 2007 meeting of the Panel
(16) Housing Service Standards and Housing Charter	Medium	October 2007	Completed – At the October 2007 meeting of the Panel
(17) Review of Careline Service	Medium	January 2008	Not yet ready – It is envisaged that this will be reported to the Scrutiny Panel's next meeting in March 2008