

**Housing and Community Committee  
2018/19 Draft Work Programme**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Objective / Proposed Outcomes</b>	<b>Action / Witness</b>	<b>Actual Outcome</b>
	Scrutiny of the proposed HRA Investment Plan	Request for 12 week consultation period presented to Cabinet on 10/07/18	To scrutinise the investment plan element based on the data behind the proposed HRA Business Plan, including information on the condition of individual properties and estates in general. The report will include all information necessary for the public to make an informed decision and will include all the Council's current existing and priority commitments.	Cllr N Long Service Director (Housing and Regeneration) / Strategic Finance Business Partner (Housing)	
25/07/18	New Housing Strategy for MK 2018-23	Request for 12 week consultation period presented to Cabinet on 10/07/18	To scrutinise the technical appendix setting out the current position. Councillors need to agree the direction of travel and where to commit resources. Once this is approved then the Housing Service can develop an action plan. The Strategy will be more generic than the Business Plan and also includes private sector provision. All residents, not just Council tenants, and stakeholders will be invited to take part in the consultation.	Cllr N Long Service Director (Housing and Regeneration) / Strategic Finance Business Partner (Housing)	
27/09/18 – TBA	Scrutiny of progress made to resolve the issue of illegal traveller encampments	Leader has established a cross-party working group to look at possible solutions	Likely to attract public interest – Formal meeting or a less formal 'round table' discussion to hear public views? Will need to make clear to public that Cttee is not a decision making body.	Members of working group? TVP Area Commander? Local residents?	

	Scrutiny of the HRA Business Plan	New HRA Business Plan <b>Scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 06/11/18</b>	To scrutinise the plan for council housing at a strategic level for the 30 year Business Plan and more specifically for the next 5 years. The plan will cover how the Council's tenants' rents will be spent to repair and maintain their homes, in addition to outlining how new council homes will be built and estates regenerated in MK.	Cllr N Long Service Director (Housing and Regeneration) / Strategic Finance Business Partner (Housing)	
07/11/18 - TBA	Scrutiny of Housing Strategy 2018-23	New Housing Strategy for MK <b>Scheduled to be presented to Cabinet on 06/11/18</b>	To scrutinise the new Housing Strategy for Milton Keynes, covering the next 5 years which would set out the strategic direction for housing in MK for the Council and its partners.	Cllr N Long Service Director (Housing and Regeneration) / Strategic Finance Business Partner (Housing)	
	Scrutiny of the Housing Options and Allocations Policy - TBC	Refresh of the 2014 Housing Options and Allocations Policy	To scrutinise any proposed changes to the current Housing Options and Allocations Policy	Cllr N Long Service Director (Housing and Regeneration) Housing Options Manager	
30/01/19	Provision of housing for young people (under 35?) in Milton Keynes	To include an update on redevelopment of the YMCA in CMK	To scrutinise the provision of housing for young people in Milton Keynes: Is there sufficient availability? Is it affordable? Is it meeting the needs of young people today?	Simon Green, Chief Exec, YMCA MK	
	Community led Housing initiatives	Community-led housing is about local people playing a leading and lasting role in solving housing problems, creating genuinely	Exploration of community-led housing initiatives such as co-housing and community land trusts, and whether there are opportunities in Milton Keynes for local people to take the lead in addressing their own housing situation	Expert witnesses from successful projects elsewhere Community Housing Action:MK Transition Town:MK	

		affordable homes and strong communities in ways that are difficult to achieve through mainstream housing.	Will be included in the new Housing Strategy but Planning Group agreed it was worth exploring separately		
	Scrutiny of SaferMK Partnership	Undertaking the Council's statutory role in respect of scrutinising and reviewing Crime and Community Safety	The SaferMK Partnership is the statutory Community Safety Partnership required to work together in formulating and implementing a strategy to tackle local crime and community safety issues in the area and to have in place a partnership action plan to deliver the strategy.	<a href="http://www.safermk.com/">http://www.safermk.com/</a>	
26/03/19	Annual Report / update from Bucks & MK Fire & Rescue Service		To fulfil the Council's statutory scrutiny role in respect of scrutinising and reviewing Crime and Community Safety	Chief Fire Officer – Bucks &MK Fire & Rescue Service	
	Choice Based Lettings - Implementation	On Cabinet Forward Plan for 2018/19 – no Cabinet date allocated yet – <b>needs to be done after the Allocations Scheme</b>	To consider a proposed Choice Based Lettings scheme and to look at how this can be implemented in Milton Keynes for the benefit of tenants	Service Director – Housing and Regeneration Housing Options Manager Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration	

Items identified from the 2018/19 Forward Plan					
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Will depend on when date identified for a Delegated Decision	Implementation of Tenancy Policy Enabling Flexible Tenancies	On Delegated Decisions Forward Plan for 2018/19 – no date allocated for DD meeting Response to Housing & Planning Act 2016	<b>On hold as awaiting Govt guidance on flexible tenancies - see briefing note from M Kelleher</b> Scrutiny of Policy to ensure that it is of positive benefit to MKC tenants	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration – Decision Taker Service Director – Housing and Regeneration decision sponsor	

### Proposed Task and Finish Groups

Subject	Proposal	Description	Witnesses
Encouraging / Financing Down-Sizing – particularly owner-occupiers	Suggested by Cllr Ferrans – <b>Agreed with SMC Planning Group that this could potentially be a Task and Finish in 2018/19</b>	A review of the means available to older people to finance house moves and encourage down-sizing <b>M Kelleher has advised that an element to facilitate downsizing will be in the refreshed Housing Options and Allocations policy</b>	Housing Finance Institute; Mansfield Building Society; Age UK; developers & mortgage lenders
Tenant Participation	Recommendation from meeting of the Cttee on 31/01/18 <b>Deferred until the new tenant participation scheme has bedded in and been operational for some months</b>	A review of the issues raised in relation to the recent poor provision of tenant participation opportunities by the Council	Tenant representatives / relevant housing officers

End to End Review of the Void Process	Recommendation from meeting of Cttee on 27/03/18	Scrutiny of the process from the old tenants moving out, through the repairs / refurbishment process to the new tenants moving in to see if the turn-around time can be reduced and whether it is possible to set realistic and achievable performance standards.	YourMK / Meats / housing staff responsible for processing voids.
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### Other Possible Items

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Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry: <i>Combatting Rogue Landlords</i>	Parliamentary inquiry to examine how local authorities can carry out enforcement work to deal with rogue landlords as well as looking at approaches used by councils to provide private rented accommodation in their names	Housing officers to be asked to produce a briefing paper on the position in MK and update on the "Secure Lets" scheme with private landlords. Committee would be asked to submit questions in advance to aid officers to supply answers at the meeting. MK Homelessness Partnership would also be invited to attend to give their view.	Service Director: Housing and Regeneration and team Homelessness Partnership Tenants	
Rent to Buy Policy	Suggested by former Head of Housing	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-rent-to-buy-scheme-to-help-young-people-save-and-move-up-housing-ladder">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-rent-to-buy-scheme-to-help-young-people-save-and-move-up-housing-ladder</a>		

Regular Items being monitored by Committee – update reports to be circulated to Committee as and when available – not necessarily agenda items			
Update on use of Temporary Accommodation	To include an update on the number and types of temporary accommodation being used by the Council, number of families / individuals so housed and the associated total costs of temporary accommodation <i>May also include a periodic update on the cost of Home to School Transport, which is also being monitored by the Budget Scrutiny Committee</i>	Head of Housing / Strategic Finance Business Partner (Housing Finance)	2-3 hours to prepare update?
Update on work of the MK Homelessness Partnership	Does not have to be a discussion item at each meeting – A short briefing note to advise Cttee of progress should be sufficient	Housing Services Manager	Updates likely to be based on work done by latest meeting of the Partnership – 2 hours max to prepare a precis of the meeting?

### Other Work for 2018/19

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Site visit to the modular transitional housing development at Fishermead – <b>Likely to be autumn 2018</b>	Additional activity on top of cycle of meetings	Committee to see for themselves how the modular housing system works <b>Order has been placed and units are being constructed off-site.</b> <b>First residents likely to move in at end of 2018 and completed by march 2019</b>		

## COMMUNITY & HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TIMETABLE 2018/2019

PLANNING GROUP MEETING (at the latest)	REQUEST FOR REPORTS (At least 2 weeks before deadline)	*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS <b>By 12.00pm on:</b>	AGENDA PRINTING	AGENDA DESPATCH (9.30 am)	DATE OF MEETING (7:00pm)  (pre-meeting at 6.30 pm)
W/C 18 June 2018	Tuesday 26 June 2018	<b>Tuesday 10 July 2018</b>	Thursday 12 July 2018	Monday 16 July 2018	Wednesday 25 July 2018 (Council Chamber) Civic Offices, Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ
W/C 13 August 2018 – TBA	Wednesday 29 August 2018	<b>Wednesday 12 September 2018</b>	Friday 14 September 2018	Wednesday 19 September 2018	Thursday 27 September 2018 (Council Chamber) Civic Offices, Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ
W/C 24 September 2018	Tuesday 2 October 2018	<b>Tuesday 16 October 2018</b>	Thursday 18 October 2018	Monday 22 October 2018	Tuesday 30 October 2018 - TBC (Council Chamber) Civic Offices, Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ
W/C 17 December 2018	Tuesday 1 January 2019	<b>Tuesday 15 January 2019</b>	Thursday 17 January 2019	Monday 21 January 2019	Wednesday 30 January 2019 (Council Chamber) Civic Offices, Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ
W/C 18 February 2019	Tuesday 26 February 2019	<b>Tuesday 12 March 2019</b>	Thursday 14 March 2019	Monday 18 March 2019	Tuesday 26 March 2019 - (Room 1.02) Civic Offices, Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ

\* Reports must be sent to **Elizabeth Richardson, Overview and Scrutiny Officer** by the deadline. Late Reports will be deferred until the following meeting, unless agreed beforehand.

Note: Meeting dates are subject to change, the timetable will be updated to reflect any changes.