

**Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee**  
**Draft 2021/2022 Work Programme**

Date	Item	Notes	Objective / Proposed Outcomes	Action / Witness
20/07/21	MKC Housing Maintenance Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational figures for first three months of 2021/22 should be available by then</li> <li>Report to include latest KPI data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How well is the Service responding to requests?</li> <li>Are improved working procedures being maintained?</li> <li>Is the Planned Maintenance Schedule achievable?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head of Asset Management;</li> <li>Representative from Mears;</li> <li>Cabinet Member</li> <li>Residents' representative?</li> </ul>
	Estate Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscaping and maintenance of HRA land on estates;</li> <li>Pest control – how it is being tackled and is it successful?</li> <li>Cleansing / litter / fly-tipping.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head of Asset Management;</li> <li>Representative from Mears;</li> <li>Cabinet Member</li> <li>Residents' representative?</li> </ul>
08/09/21	New Council House Building Programme – <b>Pre-planning processes</b>	Concern about the pre-planning application process raising expectations too soon and length of time it is taking to get to planning application stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How does it work at present</li> <li>Can this be speeded up?</li> <li>Improvements to process at DCC?</li> <li>Can the Council be better at managing residents' expectations and allaying fears?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head of Housing Delivery;</li> <li>Cabinet Member;</li> <li>Head of Placemaking? Head of Planning?</li> </ul>
	Temporary Accommodation Strategy	First Scrutinised in March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How well is this working?</li> <li>New supply &amp; acquisitions process</li> <li>How will it progress in future?</li> <li>To include figures on homelessness, numbers on register, numbers in temp accommodation</li> </ul>	

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30/11/21*	Annual Community Safety Meeting	Statutory Requirement	To receive annual reports from Council's Community Safety Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thames Valley Police</li> <li>• Bucks &amp; MK Fire &amp; Rescue</li> <li>• <del>South Central Ambulance Service</del></li> <li>• Safer:MK Partnership</li> </ul>
02/03/22	Progress on Reducing Rough Sleeping and other forms of homelessness in Milton Keynes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should know by then what govt funding proposals (if any) for homelessness reduction during 2022/23 are;</li> <li>• Report to include latest KPI data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have campaigns such as "Everyone In" during the pandemic been successful?</li> <li>• Can this progress be sustained?</li> <li>• Are the issues unique to MK being adequately addressed?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director Adult Services</li> <li>• Head of Homelessness Prevention</li> <li>• Cabinet Member</li> <li>• MK &amp; Beds Homelessness Partnership</li> </ul>
	Sharp practice by private landlords and what the Council can do to prevent this			

\* Cllr Marlow has advised that she will not be available on 30/11/21 (Group Meeting) – possible alternative dates are Tuesday 16/11/21 or Thursday 25/11/21?

**Other Activity:**

- Task and Finish Group on types of affordable housing the Council needs to build or acquire, to meet the needs of Milton Keynes residents approved by Scrutiny Management Committee on 08/06/21 – to include:
  - *The Nature of the General Housing Need and how can we source it?*
  - *New Council House Building Programme – Type & Delivery;*

➤ *Development of new Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).*

- Site visit to South Central Ambulance Regional HQ at the Blue Light Hub at Ashland as part of Committee's Scrutiny of Community Safety remit;
- Possible Site visits to new YMCA campus and the Shenley Wood ExtraCare Village once Covid-19 restrictions allow;
- Officer Briefing Note to update Committee on the Young People's Accommodation Sufficiency Tasking Project / Reconnect Service to prevent homelessness in young people (*may overlap with work of Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee*)

**Other Items – unlikely to be covered in 2021/22:**

- Delivery Plan for Refreshed HRA Business Plan – *to be presented as an Information Item to keep members up to date*
- Tenant Engagement – *in the process of moving from Environment & Property to Adult Services – will review in future once move complete*
- Scrutiny of Council's Emergency Planning Capability
- Financing Older Persons' Accommodation
- Draft Supported Housing Strategy (*may overlap with work of Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee*)
- Milton Keynes Local Housing Company once it is operational and processes have bedded in – *may be an early 2022/23 item, depending on how long it takes to become fully operational*