

ITEM 8

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

Housing and Community Committee

Date	Item	Notes	Objective	Proposed Outcomes	Action / Witness
<p>Meeting 3: 10/10/16</p>	<p>“Land-banking” & under development of sites</p>	<p>Planners & Developers to be invited to discuss with the Cttee why they appear to be “Land-banking” and not building properties even though planning permission has been granted.</p>	<p>Issue wider than just housing - Item to be considered by the Scrutiny Management Committee</p>		
	<p>Private Landlord Issues</p>	<p>Private landlords to be invited to meeting to discuss their issues in relation to the housing problem in MK – Possibly also social landlords such as housing associations?</p>	<p>To meet with local private landlords and discuss the current housing situation in Milton Keynes and explore how the Council and landlords can work together effectively</p>	<p>To get an understanding of issues faced by private landlords and possibly develop a protocol on effective cooperation to alleviate the current crisis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Private Landlords • Housing Associations?
	<p>Housing Mix</p>	<p>Scrutiny of the balance of housing required – both between affordable & commercial, and tenure types of affordable housing</p>	<p>To assess the volume of the availability of different types of accommodation available in MK and whether this mix is right for MK.</p>	<p>Assess any shortfalls in particular types of housing and what should be done address this – could follow-on from the Alternative Types of Housing item on 23/08/16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers from both the Council’s Planning and Housing Teams • Cabinet Member – Housing and Regeneration

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Meeting 4: 30/11/16	Local Plans Regeneration	Scrutiny of the Council's proposed regeneration plans for various areas of MK	Seen as a cross-cutting, long- term project. Scrutiny Management Committee to consider the best way to carry this forward into the future.		
	Community Issues	Understanding the "Community" part of the Committee's remit, what this includes and what the Committee should be doing	To consider the Committee's wider remit in relation to 'community' issues, what this involves and the approach to be taken	An understanding of the 'community' issues the Committee should be scrutinising and how it can take any plans forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Members for Place & Public Realm? • Relevant Officers
Meeting 5: 17/01/17	Residents' Forums	Why have some worked and some not, should the Council be providing more support to make these viable organisations/	To meet with representatives of both successful and less successful Residents' Forums/Groups and discuss what works, what doesn't etc	Make recommendations on the future of Residents' Forums, whether they should continue in the present format or whether there is scope to revise them to make them more relevant to meet current needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of Residents' Forums/Groups
	Views of Council and private sector tenants	Are local housing policies working for them?	To meet with both Council and private sector tenants to discuss local housing policies and how they impact on residents	If necessary make recommendations on any changes the Committee thinks are required to improve current policies and make them workable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Council and Private Sector tenants
	Scrutiny of changes to Repairs Service for Council properties	How well is the current Repairs Service operating – is it meeting tenants needs in a timely manner?	To consider the operation of the Council's Repairs Service and whether it is fulfilling its remit	Make recommendations on how the Repairs Service Operates if appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service users • Repairs Service Rep • Housing Officers responsible for Repairs Service

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Meeting 6: 09/03/17	Update on cost of temporary accommodation	Including 'hidden' costs such as home to school transport, and the cost of leasing schemes with private landlords.	To review all costs associated with the provision of temporary accommodation and whether the Council's proposed measures to reduce the use of temporary accommodation are working.	A better understanding of all the costs associated with the use of temporary accommodation and whether the Council's plans to reduce this are working effectively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Officers • Housing Officers
	Review of 2016/17 Work Programme & proposals for 2017/18 Work Programme	What has been achieved, what happens next, draft Work Programme for 2017/18	To consider what work the Committee needs to undertake in 2017/18	Produce a draft Work Programme for 2017/18 for submission to the Scrutiny Management Committee	
Reserve Meeting: 26/04/17	Just in case anything else comes up.	To be decided			