

## Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee - 2018/19 Work Programme

Date of Meeting	Item	Notes	Objective / Proposed Outcomes	Action / Witness	Actual Outcome
14/11/18	Housing Supply	Data items to fuel discussion	Information items: - Shortage of 3-bed homes in MK - Additional data requested at meeting on 25/07/18 <b>15 mins:</b> Mainly information item to support the Strategy and to fuel discussion about the brief for the proposed Housing Mix T&F Group	Recommend T&F group	
	Scrutiny of Housing Strategy 2018-23	New Housing Strategy for MK <b>to be presented to Cabinet on 04/12/18</b>	<b>30 mins:</b> to scrutinise the new Housing Strategy for Milton Keynes, covering the next 5 years that 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 HRA Business Plan	New HRA Business Plan <b>To be presented to Cabinet on 04/12/18</b>	<b>30 mins:</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)	
Other Items:					
Update:					
Info Item:					
Future Work Programme			<b>15 mins:</b> review proposals for future meetings		
Clarification of the gambling premium from MK Casino			Effects of gambling are considered as a public health issue and will be scrutinised by the Health & Adult Social Care Committee ( <b>19 Feb 2019</b> )	Let Chair have any comments by X to feed into HIASC	

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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	<p><b>30 mins:</b> to scrutinise the requirement for young people's accommodation and the types of accommodation needed; funding constraints; MK:U shortfall, YMCA project update</p> <p>Is there sufficient availability?</p> <p>Is it affordable?</p> <p>Is it meeting the needs of young people today?</p>	Simon Green, Chief Exec, YMCA MK MK Youth Cabint?	
	Dealing with Rogue Landlords Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry: <i>Combatting Rogue Landlords</i>	Private Sector provides a significant proportion of rented accommodation in MK	<p><b>30 mins:</b> is the Council's enforcement policy on rogue landlords effective</p>	Service Director (Housing and Regeneration) Head of Communities (includes Private Sector Housing within her remit) Representative from Private Landlord's Association? Residents Assn / Parish Councils	
	Scrutiny draft revised Housing Allocations Scheme	Refresh of the Council's Housing Allocations Scheme originally adopted in 2007	<p><b>30 mins:</b> to scrutinise new draft Allocations Scheme which will be going out for 12 weeks consultation following the Cabinet meeting on 6 November.</p> <p><b>Depending on when consultation starts, meeting will be just in the consultation period</b></p>	Cllr N Long Service Director (Housing and Regeneration) Housing Options Manager	
	Update on Homelessness Partnership	One-stop Shop (Unity Park Station) for homelessness support services now open Winter Night Shelter will also be operational	<p><b>30 mins</b> – Update on work of the Homelessness Partnership To include scrutiny of the Housing First programme – initial action and outcomes</p>	Head of Homelessness Prevention and Housing Access Representatives from WNS / Unity Park?	

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26/03/19	Scrutiny of SaferMK Partnership	Undertaking the Council's statutory scrutiny 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>	
	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	Scrutiny of Policy to ensure that it is of positive benefit to MKC tenants <b>On hold as awaiting Govt guidance on flexible tenancies - likely to be deferred until at least 2019/20</b>	Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration – Decision Taker Service Director – Housing and Regeneration decision sponsor	

#### Other Possible Items / Work for 2018/19

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Community-led housing initiatives	<b>Unlikely to make a significant contribution. Some options might be explored as part of the housing mix discussion but otherwise not sufficiently effective to be worth scrutinising?</b>		
Rent to Buy Policy	<b>Also unlikely to have significant impact on the MK housing crisis therefore not priority to spend time on except possibly as part of Housing Mix T&amp;F Group</b>		
Tenants' Handbook	Deferred until 2019/20 <b>Committee to be circulated with draft copy for comment, rather than full scrutiny at a meeting</b>		
Additional activity on top of cycle of meetings			
Councillor-led working group	Working with Regen staff to improve the information for residents on the Regen process as current information is unclear and doesn't answer FAQs	Timing: now to feed into December proposed meeting	New leaflet/website info
visit	Site visit to the modular transitional housing development at Fishermead – <b>probably Dec 2018?</b>	C&HSC	
Update on use of Temporary Accommodation	JF and planning group to work with officers to improve the housing dashboard to cover this and other aspects including move-on rates.	Head of Housing / Strategic Finance Business Partner (Housing Finance)	