

Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Draft 2021/2022 Work Programme

Date	Item	Notes	Objective / Proposed Outcomes	Action / Witness
30/11/21	Annual Community Safety Meeting	Statutory Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive annual reports from Council's Community Safety Partners – <i>format TBC</i> Scrutiny of refreshed Crime and Disorder Strategy (SaferMK) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thames Valley Police Bucks & MK Fire & Rescue Safer:MK Partnership
02/03/22	Progress on Reducing Rough Sleeping and other forms of homelessness in Milton Keynes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should know by then what govt funding proposals (if any) for homelessness reduction during 2022/23 are; Report to include latest KPI data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have campaigns such as "Everyone In" during the pandemic been successful? Can this progress be sustained? Are the issues unique to MK being adequately addressed? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director Adult Services Head of Homelessness Prevention Cabinet Member MK & Beds Homelessness Partnership
	Working with Private Sector Landlords	<p>Private Sector Housing Enforcement Protocol</p> <p>Council Plan Item 36: <i>Introduce a private landlord scheme by December 2021 to promote and reward best practice in the private sector and get tough with the worst.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How effective is the Protocol? Are sanctions against private sector landlords working? How are results measured? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director Adult Services / Head of Housing Operations Private Sector Housing Manager Cabinet Member

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).*
- Possible 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:

- 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*)