

Communities, Regeneration and Housing Policy & Scrutiny Committee

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Title:	2022/23 Work Programme
Report of:	Head of Governance and Councillor Liaison
Cabinet Member Portfolio:	Cabinet Member for Housing and Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration
Wards Involved:	All
Policy Context:	All
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report asks the committee members to consider items for the Committee's 2022/2023 work programme.

2. Meeting dates for the 2022/2023 year

- 2.1 The Committee is advised of the meeting dates for the next municipal year, as follows:
- 1 June 2022
 - 6 October 2022
 - 30 November 2022
 - 26 January 2023
 - 30 March 2023

3. Suggested topics

- 3.1 It is suggested that the Committee review the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy at the first meeting, as this had originally been scheduled for this meeting. The Committee may also wish to consider the other items currently listed as unallocated.
- 3.2 The Committee will also note that the work programme includes a list of suggested task group topics for its consideration. Committee members may have other suggested topics for task group work. The Committee is asked to review this list in the context of available resourcing and possible outcome of the local elections in May.

If you have any queries about this report or wish to inspect any of the background papers, please contact Artemis Kassi.

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Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference
Appendix 2 – Work Programme

Appendix 1: TERMS OF REFERENCE

COMMUNITIES, REGENERATION AND HOUSING POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

COMPOSITION

Eight (8) Members of the Council (five Majority Party Members and three Minority Party Members) but shall not include a Member of the Cabinet.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

(a) To carry out the Policy and Scrutiny functions, as set out in Article 6 of the Constitution in respect

of matters relating to all those duties within the terms of reference of the Cabinet Members for

Communities and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Housing.

(b) To carry out the Policy and Scrutiny function in respect of matters within the remit of the Council's

non-executive Committees and Sub-Committees, which are within the broad remit of the Committee,

in accordance with paragraph 13(a) of the Policy and Scrutiny procedure rules.

(c) Matters within the broad remit of the Cabinet Members referred to in (a) above which are the

responsibility of external agencies.

(d) Any other matter allocated by the Westminster Scrutiny Commission (WSC).

(e) To have the power to establish ad hoc or Standing Sub-Committees as Task Groups to carry out the

scrutiny of functions within these terms of reference.

(f) To scrutinise the duties of the Lead Members which fall within the remit of the Committee or as

otherwise allocated by the Westminster Scrutiny Commission.

(g) To scrutinise any Bi-borough proposals which impact on service areas that fall within the Committee's terms of reference.

(h) To oversee any issues relating to Performance that fall within the Committee's terms of reference.

(i) To have the power to scrutinise those partner organisations whose services fall within the Committee's terms of reference.

(j) To consider any Councillor Calls for Action referred by a Ward Member to the Committee

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**Appendix 2: Draft Work Programme 2022/2023
Communities, Regeneration & Housing (CRH) Policy and Scrutiny Committee**

ROUND SIX 9th March 2022		
Agenda Item	Reasons & objective for item	Represented by
Cabinet Member Q&A	To update the committee on key areas of work within its remit and the Cabinet Member's priorities	Cabinet Member for Communities and Regeneration, Cllr Heather Acton
Cabinet Member Q&A	To update the committee on key areas of work within its remit and the Cabinet Member's priorities	Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr David Harvey
Changing Futures Programme	To update the Committee on the work of the Changing Futures programme.	Heather Clarke, Divisional Head of Housing Needs Growth, Planning and Housing
Rough Sleeping Strategy	To discuss the development of the Council's Rough Sleeping Strategy, whether there is the correct balance of enforcement and supportive measures	Heather Clarke, Divisional Head of Housing Needs Growth, Planning and Housing
Work Programme	To review the work programme	Tracey Chin, Interim Policy & Scrutiny Coordinator Artemis Kassi, Lead Scrutiny Advisor

SUGGESTED UNALLOCATED ITEMS		
Agenda Item	Reasons & objective for item	Represented by
Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy	To discuss the development of the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy for residents and visitors to the City	Raj Mistry, Executive Director of Environment & City Kerry Simpkin, Head of Licensing, Place & Investment Policy
Youth violence, exploitation and Modern Slavery – enforcement and support	To discuss the Metropolitan Police's KCPO pilot and the implementation of the Serious Violence Duty on Councils And how the Council supports victims of exploitation.	Metropolitan Police Service & Council directorates
Fire Safety Act and Building Safety Bill	To discuss how the Council is implementing the Fire Safety Act and central concerns on	Debbie Jackson, Executive Director of Growth, Planning and Housing

	the Building Safety Bill – it has been noted that the new legislation has financial and reputational risk for the Council.	Neil Wightman, Director of Housing Deirdra Armsby Director of Place Shaping & Town Planning
Pandemic recovery and financial vulnerability of residents	To discuss how the council supports its residents that are financially vulnerable and how monitoring and data mapping could be improved to target support to those most vulnerable	TBC
Building Emissions	To discuss how the council can lower building emissions from listed buildings. A joint discussion between Climate Policy Team and Town Planners	Raj Mistry, Executive Director of Environment & City Deirdra Armsby Director of Place Shaping & Town Planning Amy Jones, Climate Resilience Programme Director Ceridwen John, Head of Environment Policy and Projects
Westminster Connects	To discuss the future of Westminster Connects and the co-ordination and information sharing between VCS and WWC	Director of Communities (TBD?) Christine Meads, Strategic Commissioner responsible for Westminster Connects
Regeneration Projects	To discuss regeneration and new development projects taking place across Westminster. This was discussed in March 2021 and has been proposed as an annual standing item	

SUGGESTED TASK GROUPS AND STUDIES

Subject	Reasons & objective	Type
Dangerous cladding on high rise buildings	<p>To ascertain how many residents are affected by dangerous cladding and what levers the Council has to encourage developers and central Govt to remove the cladding as soon as possible and pay for spiralling costs.</p> <p>The Council has been proactive in removing dangerous cladding from social housing. Potentially many private buildings (and/or housing</p>	

	association) still have dangerous cladding on properties rendering the properties worthless, dangerous, and subject to high interim fees.	
How the Council supports those with No Recourse to Public Funds	<p>To investigate the financial burden of support to residents with NRPF places on Westminster City Council.</p> <p>To investigate what supportive measures the Council could put into place and lobby central Government on.</p>	(Possibly joint task group with B&C P&S Committee)
Green/Sustainable Transport	<p>To investigate how the Council can facilitate and promote greener alternatives to transportation in Westminster.</p> <p>Greener alternatives to using cars and private hire vehicles include walking, cycling, e-scooters and car sharing.</p>	
Modern Slavery	To investigate modern slavery of children and adults across Westminster	Joint task group with B&C P&S Committee