

# Subject: Housing and Regeneration Committee Work Programme 2012/13

Report to: Housing and Regeneration Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 13 March 2013

This report will be considered in public

## 1. Summary

1.1 This report updates the status of various items on the Committee's work programme..

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee notes the report updating Members on the status of various items on the Committee's work programme and the main items for the remainder of the Assembly Year 2012/13.**

## 3. Background

3.1 Members receive a report at each Committee meeting on the progress of the various projects agreed by Members as the basis for its workprogramme. Additional projects are included in the workprogramme from time to time reflecting the need for the Committee to respond to tasks such as consultations or other events as necessary.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

### London's Private Rented Housing

4.1 On 18 July the Committee agreed to undertake a major review of London's private rented housing with the following terms of reference:

- To review London's private rented housing to identify its characteristics relative to other housing sectors - in respect to security of tenure, tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities, housing quality, standards and affordability.
- To identify options that will expand the supply of private rented homes (as part of a drive to increase overall new housing supply in London), improve the sector and make an impact in terms of achieving higher property standards and more secure and affordable tenancies.
- To examine the policy and record of the Mayor, boroughs and government and to make practical recommendations to them aimed at achieving real improvements in London's private

rented sector. Recommendations will also be sought with regards to what the London Assembly can do to improve the sector.

- 4.2 Officers are now drafting the Committee's final report of this review for Member comment. It is anticipated that the final draft report will be agreed by Members in March and formally reported the Committee's meeting in April 2013.

#### **Consultation on Mayor's proposals for improving London's private rented housing**

- 4.3 A report elsewhere on this agenda [item 7] seeks formal agreement for the Committee's response to the Mayor's consultation that was submitted on 15 February 2013.

#### **London Legacy Development Corporation and Site Visit - February**

- 4.4 A report elsewhere on this agenda [item 9] asks Member to note the details of the Committee's site visit to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park that took place on 12 February 2013.

#### **London's council housing and the role of local authorities in social rented provision**

- 4.5 Council housing remains a significant form of tenure in London and a report elsewhere on this agenda sets out details of the Committee's first of two meetings reviewing the current contribution of council housing to London's affordable housing. The findings of the investigation will form the basis for an Assembly report that will include recommendations to the Mayor for action regarding the achievement of his current social housing targets as well as proposals relating to the post-April 2015 landscape, when the Affordable Homes Programme ends and London's housing budget is for the first time fully devolved to the Mayor and the boroughs.

- 4.6 A second meeting will be held on this subject on 25 April 2013.

#### **Future work programme 2013/14**

- 4.7 In order to commence work on the Committee's workprogramme for the 2013/14 Assembly Year Group Lead Members will be meeting informally on 26 March to discuss a list of potential projects. The Committee will receive a report at its next meeting on 25 April that sets out a draft work programme for agreement.

### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct GLA financial implications arising from this report. Financial implications for individual programme of work in 2012/13 will be dealt with separately in reports to the Committee as and when the Committee is required to make relevant decisions.

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**List of appendices to this report:** There are none.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

List of Background Papers: There are none.

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