

Subject: End-of-term Meeting with the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development

Report to: Housing Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 9 February 2021

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the background information for a discussion with invited guests on an end-of-term assessment of key Mayoral commitments on housing, considering what the Mayor said he would achieve, whether he has achieved it and what impact this has had.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to the invited guests and the subsequent discussion; and**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Mayor's 2016 manifesto pledged to tackle the housing crisis and the capital's shortage of affordable homes. He called the election at the time a 'referendum on housing' and promised to build 'genuinely affordable homes' and to tackle rough sleeping in the Capital.¹
- 3.2 The London Housing Strategy, published in 2018, then set out the Mayor's priorities, policies and proposals, providing a framework for what the Mayor would do over a multi-year period.² The implementation aspects of the strategy are brought together in the Mayor's Implementation Plan.³ The plan includes key policies and actions, and crucially, sets out Mayoral targets and milestones as well as indicators to measure the long-term impact of the London Housing Strategy.

¹ Sadiq Khan, [A Manifesto for all Londoners](#), 2016.

² GLA, [London Housing Strategy](#), May 2018,

³ GLA, [London Housing Strategy: Implementation Plan](#), May 2018,

- 3.3 The Implementation Plan is structured around the five priorities of the London Housing Strategy, which have been used as focus areas for this investigation:
- Building homes for Londoners;
 - Delivering genuinely affordable homes;
 - High quality homes and inclusive neighbourhoods;
 - A fairer deal for private renters and leaseholders; and
 - Tackling homelessness and helping rough sleepers.
- 3.4 Each priority has key policy proposals and actions. This investigation will look into key policies within each of the five priorities, for example:
- Development on public sector land;
 - Delivery of the Affordable Homes Programme;
 - Meeting London's diverse housing needs;
 - Decent property standards and management practices for private renters;
 - Promoting leasehold reform; and
 - Supporting rough sleepers off the streets.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Committee may wish to consider:
- Whether the Mayor has delivered on his housing commitments;
 - How well the Mayor's policies have worked in practice;
 - How the Mayor plans to address areas where housing objectives have not been achieved;
 - How the COVID-19 pandemic impacted housing and the delivery of housing policy in London;
 - Whether the Mayor's commitments will still be appropriate post-COVID-19; and
 - Whether any lessons have been learned from the pandemic and how the Mayor will take these forward.
- 4.2 The following guests have been invited to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion:
- Tom Copley, Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development; and
 - Rickardo Hyatt, Executive Director, Housing & Land, GLA.

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 financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
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List of Background Papers: None.

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