

Subject: Housing Committee Work Programme

Report to:	Housing Committee
Report of:	Executive Director of Secretariat
Date:	20 July 2021
Public Access:	This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals and information regarding the Housing Committee work programme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme and the additional activity undertaken since its last meeting, namely the informal briefing with the Safe Homes for Women Leaving Prison Initiative and the Committee's survey on housing during the pandemic.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the Committee's Affordable Housing Monitor for publication.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee's work programme is intended to enable the Committee to effectively fulfil its role in holding the Mayor to account: to examine and report on matters relating to housing in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Housing Strategy.
- 3.2 The Committee's work involves a range of activities, including formal meetings with the Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development and other stakeholders, site visits, written consultations and round table meetings.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Committee's meeting dates were formally approved by the London Assembly at its Annual meeting on 14 May 2021.
- 4.2 On 18 February 2021, the Police and Crime Committee and the Housing Committee met with the Safe Homes for Women Leaving Prison Initiative to discuss the challenges faced by women leaving prison with nowhere safe to go and the impact of a lack of secure housing on successful rehabilitation.
- 4.3 On 19 March 2021, the Housing Committee published the results of a survey into Londoners' housing situations and attitudes to their homes as a result of COVID-19, attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 4.4 The London Assembly Affordable Housing Monitor tracks how the Mayor is delivering against his affordable homes commitments in London. It is an annual report that was first published in 2018. The Committee is planning to publish the Affordable Housing Monitor in the coming months.
- 4.5 **Schedule of Meetings**

Meeting Date	Meeting Topic
20 July 2021	The Committee will investigate what is needed to reduce the carbon emissions of London's existing housing. The investigation will map the scale of the challenge, the barriers and the costs which will likely be associated with any major programme of retrofitting in London, including financial, skills, and quality assurance. It will also review the retrofit initiatives that have been established by the Mayor.
19 October 2021 (subject to confirmation)	The Committee will continue its scrutiny of the Mayor's delivery of affordable housing in London, informed by evidence collected and published in the Committee's Affordable Housing Monitor.

- 4.6 The future meeting timetable will be due for confirmation at the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting on 15 July 2021.

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:

Appendix 1 – Summary of survey results

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None

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