

Subject: Housing Committee Work Programme

Report to: Housing Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 5 September 2017

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting.

2. Recommendation

2.1 **That the Committee agrees the update to the work programme for the 2017/18 Assembly Year, as set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.4 of the report.**

3. Background

3.1 Members receive a report at each Committee meeting on the progress of the projects agreed as the basis for the work programme. Additional projects will be included in the work programme from time to time reflecting the need for the Committee to respond to tasks such as consultations or other events as necessary.

3.2 *Criteria for topic selection*

The criteria for selecting topics are some, or all, of the following:

(a) Addresses a strategic challenge relating to housing in London, with a particular emphasis on:

- developing and maintaining sustainable communities; and
- reducing inequalities and offering opportunities to all Londoners.

(b) Relates to the responsibilities and priorities of the Mayor and Greater London Authority (GLA) Group;

(c) Provides an opportunity for the Committee to influence policy; and

(d) Provides an opportunity for the Committee to add value by bringing significant new evidence or new perspectives to the debate.

4. Issues for Consideration

Provisional timetable for 2017/18

- 4.1 The table below sets out the allocated dates for the Housing Committee in 2017/18. The table notes suggested business for the meetings up to November 2017.
- 4.2 The work programme is subject to change in future as the Committee develops proposals for its work. Dates may be used for formal committee meetings, informal meetings, site visits or other activities for the Committee. The work programme also provides for the Committee to respond to any matters that arise during the year.
- 4.3 The publication of the draft London Housing Strategy is now likely to be later than previously expected. As a result, it is now proposed that the Committee use its November meeting slot to discuss the new draft strategy.
- 4.4 This would leave the October slot free. During its July meeting, the Committee heard from representatives of a range of different community-led housing projects. Members did not have an opportunity at that meeting to hear from housing co-operatives. It is therefore proposed that the Committee continue its investigation into community-led housing in the October session. Representatives of the housing co-operative movement would be invited to discuss how they have successfully overcome the barriers to developing community-led homes in London. The Committee could then discuss what further policy measures are needed to help break down these barriers with them and other invited guests. These might include GLA staff supporting the Mayor's new community housing hub and organisations and individuals helping to finance and nurture community-led schemes.

Meeting Date	Proposed topic
5 September 2017	Property Guardians
5 October 2017	Community-led housing
8 November 2017	Housing Strategy
5 December 2017	To be confirmed
23 January 2018	To be confirmed
27 February 2018	To be confirmed
15 March 2018	To be confirmed

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications 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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