

## Appendix 2: Housing & Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Committee Tracker

This tracker enables the Committee to monitor progress against the recommendations it has made, requests for information and actions to be completed.

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendation / Information Request/ Action	Detail	Political Lead and Officer Lead	Status
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Work Programme	Information	To provide more detail on the role Cabinet Members will play in Policy and Scrutiny going forward.	Policy and Scrutiny Advisor	Provided 07.11.23
	Housing Allocations Scheme	Information	To provide detail on how the consultation is configured and designed to avoid instances of bias and ensure there is as much sample composition as possible.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members 04.06.24
		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council presents the final iteration of the Housing Allocations Scheme with visual aids, such as flow charts, to make the process easier to understand.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 04.03.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>
		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council make clear that any revised Housing Allocations Scheme will have no change on the level of provision available.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 04.03.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>
		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council makes clearer that time spent on the Housing Register does not contribute towards the tenyear residency benefit.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 04.03.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>
		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council considers factoring in cumulative need in terms of allocating and that this can factor in any emerging needs that may appear over time.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 04.03.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>
		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council consider volunteer work as a factor when attributing points based on employment.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 04.03.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>
		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council improve education around succession and assignments.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 04.03.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>
		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council ensures the final version of the Allocations Scheme is open and transparent in how priority groups are determined and makes clear who might potentially miss out.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 04.03.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>

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	Housing Compensation Scheme	Information	To provide financial projections on likely cost of the successful implementation of the new policy.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members 04.06.24
		Information	To address the notion of potentially providing compensation to leaseholders directly adversely effected by issues in social housing, such as leaks from flats above.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members 04.06.24
		Information	To provide data of current contractor performance and the frequency of how often these contracts are reviewed.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members 04.06.24
		Information	To provide data on the frequency of ombudsman interventions and complaints regarding compensation in Westminster.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members 04.06.24
		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council make its Compensation Policy simple and accessible.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 04.03.24. Found <a href="#">here</a> .
		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council considers compensating based on impact, particularly including potential impact on those working in the gig economy.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 04.03.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>
		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council makes clear its Compensation Policy is not an adjudicated process.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 04.03.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>
	Oxford Street Programme Quarterly	Information	To provide a projection of spending throughout the programme.	Cabinet Member for Economy and Employment Director of Governance Operations OSP	Provided to Members on 01.02.24 via email
		Information	To provide details of partnerships formed in financing the programme, particularly public realm aspects, and the agreed financial burdens that are going to be taken on by the private sector.	Cabinet Member for Economy and Employment Director of Governance Operations OSP	Provided to Members on 01.02.24 via email
		Information	To provide the rationale for the inclusion of Grosvenor Square as part of the wider programme and why it is not considered for its own separate public realm scheme.	Cabinet Member for Economy and Employment Director of Governance Operations OSP	Provided to Members on 01.02.24 via email
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Temporary Accommodation (TA)	Information	To provide more information on Hotel acquisitions for temporary accommodation and how they might be repurposed.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members on 16.04.24
		Information	To provide detail on work done and policies in place for supporting women presenting homeless, particularly following incidence of domestic abuse, to minimise the risk of them being placed in a potentially threatening new environment.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members on 16.04.24

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		Information	Within what might be readily available, Members requested data on the number of women who present homeless identifying the cause to have been domestic abuse and of these what proportion are then placed into female only temporary accommodation.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members on 16.04.24	
		Information	To provide a breakdown of key demographics for those presenting as homeless, particularly age and gender.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members on 16.04.24	
		Information	To provide information on the response to properties identified as Grade D & Grade E and how quickly these situations are remedied.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members on 16.04.24	
		Information	To provide additional information on the wrap-around support provided to families (section 8.6) and how the Council ensures this is adequate.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Response sent to Members on 16.04.24	
		Recommendation	The Committee recommends that the Council works to try to improve standards across the TA stock, given the large proportion (69.6%) of those inspected in the last three quarters of the year were assessed as Grade C or below.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Published in Committee Papers 31.07.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>	
		Recommendation	The Committee recommends that the Council improve lines of communication with the Home Office, to improve the social and physical integration of those granted asylum into society.	Cabinet Member for Communities, Children and Public Protection Bi-Borough Executive Director of Children's Services	Published in Committee Papers 31.07.24. Found <a href="#">here</a>	
		Oxford Street Programme Quarterly	Information	For the next quarterly update to outline how, if at all, the programme intends to deal with issues of crime and improving the retail offering on Oxford Street.	Cabinet Member for Economy and Employment Director of Governance Operations OSP	Two briefing notes sent out 07.05.24 to all Members
			Action	The Chair to update the Committee on the intentions around traffic surveys in Fitzrovia post implementation, following a resident group's query highlighting no planned expenditure in the update the Committee were provided.	Cabinet Member for Economy and Employment Director of Governance Operations OSP	Sent to Members on 13.03.24
		Work Programme	Action	To consider the best ways to ensure the OSP is sufficiently scrutinised.	Policy and Scrutiny Advisor	Quarterly updates to continue with the CM invited to the next Committee. This can be reviewed again.
	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy	Action	To consider inviting potential partners and housing providers to relevant future Committee meetings.	Policy and Scrutiny Advisor	Will be considered by the Committee when reviewing relevant items' scoping document.

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Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy	Information	To provide more detail on how the strategy will be considerate to the dangers of trafficking and modern slavery.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Sent to Members on 20.09.24
	Information	To provide the number of known void properties within the Council's housing and property stock.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Sent to Members on 20.09.24
	Information	To provide information on the data on interventions on contracts and commissioning and how this is monitored and managed.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Sent to Members on 20.09.24
	Information	To provide more information on the link between seeking work and homelessness as outlined in the Homelessness Review and whether this was a national issue or relevant to Westminster.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Sent to Members on 20.09.24
	Information	To provide information on the intermediate rent scheme route for those in employment and still experiencing difficulty in the affordability of housing.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Sent to Members on 20.09.24
	Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council considers further developing the evidence base and ensuring that the Council's alertness to the scale of relevant issues, through the dataset it possesses, is sufficient. Additionally, the final strategy should display data from current ward boundaries.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Issued on 02.08.24. Response due by 02.10.24
	Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council considers improving the degree to which the strategy is joined up with other essential internal strategies and departments, notably the Council's Allocation Policy and work with void properties.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Issued on 02.08.24. Response due by 02.10.24
	Recommendation	The Committee recommended that that the strategy manages expectations and is conscious of the inevitable limitations and trade-offs that will still exist. The Committee suggested that this was particularly salient with regards to the Council's ambition to work with the 'hidden homeless'.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Issued on 02.08.24. Response due by 02.10.24
	Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Council consider increasing the level of rotation for front-line staff to help keep them energised, positive and that they feel supported.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Issued on 02.08.24. Response due by 02.10.24
	Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the strategy make clear that it is for everyone. The Committee also suggested that when making consideration for vulnerable groups, as outlined in the equalities impact, veterans of the armed forces should also be recognised among the other potentially vulnerable groups identified.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Issued on 02.08.24. Response due by 02.10.24

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		Recommendation	The Committee recommended that the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy makes clear that it is published with the aim to improve matters and can identify, from the outset, how this will be done.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Issued on 02.08.24. Response due by 02.10.24
		Recommendation	The Committee recognised the partnership work that the Council undertakes but recommended that a culture of empathy and responsiveness is further communicated to stakeholders who will work with the Council to deliver the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.	Cabinet Member for Housing Services Strategic Director of Housing and Commercial Partnerships	Issued on 16.08.24. Response due by 16.10.24
	Oxford Street Programme Quarterly	Action	To pick up with Highways Services about potential issues with the signage around Hyde Park pedestrian and cycle crossings.	Cabinet Member for Economy and Employment Director of Governance Operations OSP	This was passed onto highways to consider action.
		Information	To provide the proposed impact on highways and parking from the schemes shared within the latest update.	Cabinet Member for Economy and Employment Director of Governance Operations OSP	Sent to Members 19.08.24