

# Scrutiny & Overview Committee Supplementary Agenda



**8. Scrutiny Recommendations (Pages 3 - 6)**

Attached for the consideration of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee are the recommendations arising from the Homes Sub-Committee on 5 December 2022

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**Appendix 8 - Homes Sub-Committee; Item: Pre-Decision Scrutiny: Updating the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, 6 December 2022**

Recommendation Number	Recommendation	Political Lead	Officer Lead
Recomm.1	The Sub-Committee recommended that the Action Plan is updated to show overall timeline of the action plan, key milestones, deliverables for each workstream and that interdependencies and associated risks be highlighted and included in the action plan.	Councillor Lynne Hale	Susmita Sen
Recomm.2	The Sub-Committee recommended that the Action Plan is updated to show that the Occupancy Checks workstreams covered both the remit of ensuring the accommodation is occupied by homeless households placed by the Council to meet housing duty and of monitoring how long new clients were staying in Temporary or Emergency accommodation. To be updated by next 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb Sub-Committee meeting and updated version to be sent to committee members.	Councillor Lynne Hale	Susmita Sen
Recomm.3	The Sub-Committee recommended that Occupancy Checks proactively looked to see that accommodation was still meeting the needs of clients that had been placed there and that this was supported by appropriate staff training to empower them to anticipate and identify changing needs (e.g. pregnancies/overcrowding, disability).	Councillor Lynne Hale	Susmita Sen
Recomm.4	The Sub-Committee recommended that suitable policy or guidance is in place once Occupancy Checks started, to ensure those who had left accommodation were not penalised if they had done so for legitimate reasons.	Councillor Lynne Hale	Susmita Sen

Recomm.5	The Sub-Committee recommended that the Executive Mayor write to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to lobby for additional homelessness funding for Croydon, recognising the homelessness situation is acute in Croydon on a par with inner London Boroughs	Councillor Lynne Hale	Susmita Sen
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**Appendix 9 - Homes Sub-Committee; Item: Pre-Decision Scrutiny: Distribution of the Household Support Fund Grant, 6 December 2022**

<b>Recommendation Number</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Political Lead</b>	<b>Officer Lead</b>
<p>Recomm.1</p>	<p>Members recommended the publicity be clear on the criteria and exceptions relating to the distribution of the Discretionary part of the fund and to consider using of social media advertising (including Facebook paid ads) to proactively publicise the Fund. It was further recommended that all councillors were provided with the information in a timely manner so they can promote through community networks and other social media channels incl. Next Door.</p> <p>Chair and Vice-Chair to be updated on communication of the grant before Christmas break.</p>	<p>Councillor Lynne Hale</p>	<p>Susmita Sen</p>
<p>Recomm.2</p>	<p>The Sub-Committee recommended that a provision for emergency situations be investigated for the discretionary element of the Fund. This could be in the form of faster processing of the grant (days instead of 2 week turnaround) and/or vouchers.</p> <p>Chair and Vice Chair to be updated on feasibility before the Christmas Break</p>	<p>Councillor Lynne Hale</p>	<p>Susmita Sen</p>

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