

Scrutiny Recommendations: Stage 1

Committee	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Conclusion	Recommendation	Cabinet Lead	Officer Lead
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	4 February 2020	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Homes and Gateway Services	The Sub-Committee praised the extensive level of evidence gathered on the Council's Landlord Licensing scheme by the Housing Service in developing its submission to the Secretary of State and recognised that there were significant risks should there be a negative outcome of the review.	In the event that the Secretary of State refused to extend the Council's Landlord Licencing scheme or decided to reduce the scope of the existing scheme, the Sub-Committee recommends that a contingency plan is prepared for use during the re-submission period to ensure minimal disruption.	Alison Butler	Stephen Tate/Yvonne Murray
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	4 February 2020	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Homes and Gateway Services	The Sub-Committee endorsed the engagement of the Housing Service with the voluntary sector on the Localities Programme pilots. The support shown from various partners for the Localities Model was also welcomed, with it recognised that there was a strong commitment to successfully work together for the benefit of the most vulnerable residents in the borough.	That the approach used by the Housing Service in engaging with the voluntary and community sector be developed and used as the Localities Programme expands to other areas of the borough.	Alison Butler	Stephen Tate/Yvonne Murray
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	4 February 2020	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Homes and Gateway Services	The Sub-Committee warmly welcomed the work by the Housing Service in lobbying the Department of Works and Pensions for access to their data in order to enable the Council to identify vulnerable residents at an early stage and	That Cabinet Members lobby the Department of Work and Pensions to provide the Council with access to their data, to support the Council's work with vulnerable residents.	Alison Butler	Stephen Tate/Yvonne Murray

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			agreed that there was scope for elected Members to add their voices to the lobbying.			
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	4 February 2020	Axis Responsive Repair Contract Review	The Sub-Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to be consulted on the procurement options at the review point of Responsive Repairs contract.	That consultation with the Sub-Committee be built into the procurement process when the contract was next reviewed.	Alison Butler	Stephen Tate
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	4 February 2020	Housing Revenue Account	The Sub-Committee recognised that Housing Grants provided by the Government to the Mayor of London for purchases was cost effective and provided good value for money for the Housing Revenue Account. As such the continued lobbying of the Government to increase the housing grant by the Administration was both welcomed and supported.	That the Administration continues to lobby Government to increase housing grants to the Mayor of London.	Alison Butler	Stephen Tate/Yvonne Murray
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	4 February 2020	Housing Revenue Account	The Sub-Committee was concerned about the level of transparency on acquisitions of housing stock funded by the Housing Revenue Account and agreed that improvement was needed in this area	That quarterly reports be published by the Housing Service on transactions relating to the acquisition of housing stock funded by the Housing Revenue Account	Alison Butler	Stephen Tate/Yvonne Murray
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	4 February 2020	Brick by Brick	The Sub-Committee was disappointed with the level of information provided in the report and agreed that the Chair would work with officers when Brick by Brick was next	In the preparation of the report for the next review of Brick by Brick in 2021 that earlier engagement in the report writing process be undertaken with the Chair of the Sub-	Alison Butler	Jacqueline Harris Baker/Shifa Mustafa

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			reviewed in 2021 to refine the report.	Committee to refine the report to the Sub-Committee's specifications.		
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	4 February 2020	Brick by Brick	The Sub-Committee recognised that as Brick by Brick was a commercial organisation with the Council as its sole shareholder it was reasonable to expect a high level of public interest and agreed that a greater level of communication and transparency was needed to improve the public's understanding of the relationship between the two organisations.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration be given to how to improve public understanding of the relationship between the Council and Brick by Brick, and an update provided on the work undertaken in this area when Brick by Brick was next reviewed by the Sub-Committee in 2021. 2. The Council develop a 'RAG' monitoring approach for its housing developments, including both pipeline and on site projects and publish the report quarterly in order to further enhance transparency on housing delivery. 	Alison Butler	Jacqueline Harris Baker/ Shifa Mustafa
Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee	4 February 2020	Brick by Brick	The Sub-Committee noted that the lending issues faced by some prospective buyers were a result of the Government's housing regulator issuing new guidance on "housing provider" registration. Considering the potential impact upon prospective purchasers, the Sub-Committee welcomed the swift action taken to finalise the registration process and	An update be provided for the Sub-Committee by Brick by Brick once the registration issue had been resolved.	Alison Butler	Jacqueline Harris Baker/ Shifa Mustafa

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			requested confirmation once this had been fully resolved.			
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	25 February 2020	Question Time: Cabinet Member for Safer Croydon & Communities	The Committee concluded that the progress made on sharing pots of funding was to be welcomed, with it agreed that given the limited funds available that it would be important to encourage further work in this area in order to maximise the funding available for the voluntary and community sector.	That further work be undertaken on the pooling of grant funding with other partners in order to maximise the amount available for local community and voluntary organisation.	Hamida Ali	Gavin Handford
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	25 February 2020	Review of Safer Croydon Partnership & Violence Reduction Network	While the Committee welcomed confirmation that schools in the borough were engaged with the Trauma Informed Approach, it was agreed that further evidence would be needed to provide reassurance that there was ownership of the trauma informed approach amongst the senior leadership of schools in the borough	When the Committee next reviews the work of the Violence Reduction Network it is requested that evidence is provided to demonstrate the ownership of the trauma informed approach amongst the senior leadership of schools in the borough.	Hamida Ali	Sarah Haywood
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	25 February 2020	Review of Safer Croydon Partnership & Violence Reduction Network	The Committee agreed that it was essential to have quantifiable measurements such as an Evaluation Framework in place to allow qualified judgements to be made on the success of schemes commissioned by the Violence Reduction Network in	An evaluation framework needs to be developed to allow quantifiable judgement on the success of schemes commissioned by the Violence Reduction Network in delivering their intended outcomes.	Hamida Ali	Sarah Haywood

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Scrutiny & Overview Committee	25 February 2020	Review of Safer Croydon Partnership & Violence Reduction Network	The Committee welcomed the move to a more integrated approach to data sharing with partners as this was key to informing the work of the Violence Reduction Network and it was agreed that options for funding the expansion of work on data analysis needed to be explored.	Options for expanding the Violence Reduction Network's capacity for data analysis should be explored.	Hamida Ali	Sarah Haywood
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	25 February 2020	Review of Safer Croydon Partnership & Violence Reduction Network	The Committee agreed that the use of data should be ingrained throughout the work of the Violence Reduction Network and looked forward to seeing how this was being implemented when the performance of the Network was next reviewed.	When the Committee next reviews the work of the Violence Reduction Network evidence should be provided to demonstrate how the use of data has informed the work of the Network.	Hamida Ali	Sarah Haywood
Scrutiny & Overview Committee	25 February 2020	Review of Safer Croydon Partnership & Violence Reduction Network	The Committee acknowledged that the Safer Croydon Partnership seemed to be working well, but agreed that it was difficult to reach any concrete conclusions without quantifiable data being provided to demonstrate that outcomes were being achieved.	Consideration should be given to what quantifiable data on outcomes can be provided when the Safer Croydon Partnership is next reviewed by the Committee to allow a judgement to be made on the performance of the Partnership.	Hamida Ali	Sarah Haywood