

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

REPORT:	Homes Sub-Committee Scrutiny
DATE OF DECISION	23 October 2023
REPORT TITLE:	Draft Housing Strategy 2023 - 2028
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CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION?	No
WARDS AFFECTED:	All

1. **Draft Housing Strategy 2023 - 2028**

- 1.1. The Homes Sub-Committee is provided with a draft version of the update Housing Strategy which will cover the period 2023 – 2028. As the Housing Strategy is included in the Council's Budget & Policy Framework, as set out in the Council's Constitution, there is a requirement for Scrutiny to be consulted on the initial proposals.
- 1.2. The constitutional process for consultation with scrutiny on Budget and Policy Framework documents is set out as follows in Part 4C of the Constitution: -
 - b. In respect of the adoption of plans and strategies comprising the Budget and Policy Framework the Scrutiny and Overview Committee shall have not less than four weeks to respond to the initial proposals referred to it unless the Mayor considers that there are special factors that make this timescale inappropriate.
 - c. The Mayor shall publish in advance a timescale for the Budget. The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee will also be notified. The timescale will be subject to variation dependent on the timing of the Local Government Finance Settlement and the information available. This will be advised upon by the Chief Finance Officer.
 - d. It is open to the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to comment on the policy proposals and the Executive will take any response from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee into account in drawing up proposals for submission to the Council. The Executive's report to the Full Council will reflect how they have taken

into account the recommendations of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and/or their reasons for not doing so.

- 1.3. Although the Constitution refers to consideration by the Scrutiny and Overview Committee, in this instance the responsibility for housing related matters is delegated to the Homes Sub-Committee.

2. Recommendations for the Homes Sub-Committee

- 2.1. The Homes Sub-Committee is asked to: -
 1. Note the draft Housing Strategy 2023-2028.
 2. Consider whether there are any comments it wishes to make on the Housing Strategy, which can be taken into account by the Executive during the preparation for submission to Council for adoption.

3. Appendices

- 3.1. Appendix A - Draft Housing Strategy 2023-2028