



Name of meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Date: 9 June 2020

Title of report: Request to re-establish Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel

To consider a request to re-establish the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel - Future Arrangements for the Council's Residential Housing Stock

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	N/A
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	N/A
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	N/A
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name	Richard Parry, 28 May 2020
Is it signed off by the Director of Finance?	N/A
Is it signed off by the Service Director - Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft, 28 May 2020
Cabinet member portfolio	Housing and Democracy

Electoral [wards](#) affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public Report

(Have you considered GDPR?)

Yes GDPR has been considered. The information in this report does not identify any individuals.

1. Information

At its' meeting on 4 November 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee agreed to establish an Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel to carry out a focussed piece of work to identify the best option(s) for the Council to achieve the right balance of risk and outcomes for local residents in relation to the housing stock for which it is the landlord.

In considering the request, it was emphasised that the work would need to have cognisance of the findings of the Hackitt Review and the changing risk and regulatory landscape. The work also explored the risks and benefits of different models of housing delivery and associated opportunities to maximise the contribution of the Council's housing stock to better outcomes for the borough's more vulnerable residents.

The Panel's work was progressed at pace so that a findings report could be finalised in early 2020 as requested. The subsequent report, which included an Action Plan detailing the Portfolio Holder and Directorate's responses to the Panel's recommendations was submitted as planned to Cabinet on 24 March 2020, but unfortunately the meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report was subsequently received by Cabinet on 21 May 2020. The recommendations were agreed, with the caveat that Cabinet would have oversight of the implementation of all recommendations and the process going forward. Cabinet welcomed the Panel's support and involvement around the process of engagement and OSMC have been requested to re-convene the Ad Hoc Panel with revised terms of reference to carry out this work.

As per the Panel's recommendation, the Chair of the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel will be invited to attend any future meetings of the Ad Hoc Panel.

2. Proposed Terms of Reference

The Ad Hoc Panel will:-

- Scrutinise, advise and contribute to tenant engagement proposals, including the Communication Plan and materials during the phases of engagement;
- Consider the consultation results and scrutinise, advise and contribute to proposals for the way forward with tenant engagement; and
- Monitor progress on the responses to the Panel's recommendations outlined in the Action Plan, agreed by Cabinet on 21 March 2020;

3. Implications for the Council

There are no specific implications for the Council at this time.

4. Consultees and their opinions

No consultation was appropriate in respect of the contents of this report.

5. Next steps

Subject to approval to re-establish the Ad Hoc Panel, a schedule of Panel meetings will be drawn up.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That OSMC considers the request to re-establish an Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel and agrees the revised Terms of Reference.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

Not applicable

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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9. Service Director responsible

Julie Muscroft, Service Director, Legal, Governance & Commissioning