

<b>DON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS: All</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b> Work Programme – Housing Scrutiny	
<b>REPORT OF</b> Director of Property Management	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO</b> Housing Scrutiny Committee	<b>DATE</b> 13 January 2025
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b> This report provides an update on the Committee’s work programme for 2024/25 and provides an update on actions requested at previous meetings of the Committee.</p> <p><b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to information</b> No documents that require listing were used in the preparation of this report</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b>  Gavin Haynes, Director of Property Management, 5 Pancras Square, N1C 4AG, 020 7974 1955, <a href="mailto:gavin.haynes@camden.gov.uk">gavin.haynes@camden.gov.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>  That the Housing Scrutiny Committee considers any proposals for items that should be included in the work programme and confirms the work programme for the year ahead.</p>	

Signed:



Director of Property Management

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The committee has been set up with the following terms of reference:
- To scrutinise the Council's policies and the provision, planning, financing, management and performance of services relating to housing provided by the Supporting Communities Directorate and other service providers.
- 1.2 A draft committee workplan is attached to this report (Appendix A). The committee may wish to make further suggestions or amendments to the workplan for the year ahead.

## **2. Forward Plan – Housing**

- 2.1 The Committee is also invited to consider what, if any, forthcoming key Cabinet decisions it wishes to look at in advance of those decisions being taken. Forward Plan items under the Committee's remit are set out at Appendix A.
- 2.2 The Forward Plan for the upcoming year 2024/25 was agreed by the Committee at the July 2024 meeting.

## **3. Panels**

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee may establish a time limited, task focussed Panel. The Panel is chaired by a member of the committee and is able to request contributions and evidence about local housing services from a wider range of contributors including partners, expert advisors and local residents. A report is made by the Panel to the Scrutiny Committee on its findings at the end of its work. Updates are provided to the Committee by the Chair of the Panel whilst its work is ongoing.
- 3.2 Committee members are reminded of the constraints on Council resources at this time and have previously committed to run these Member-led panels with only limited officer support in order to ensure an efficient and cost-effective process.

## **4. Co-optees**

- 4.1 In addition to council members, the committee has previously decided that three co-optees should sit on the committee. These arrangements are subject to annual review.
- 4.2 The Chair, in consultation with officers, will be seeking a new, co-opted member and will be making a recommendation to the Committee when available.

**5. Action Tracker**

5.1 The actions arising from the last meeting (December 2024) are attached at Appendix B.

**6. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services**

6.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services has been consulted and has no comment to add.

**7. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor**

7.1 The Borough Solicitor has been consulted and has no comments to make on the report.

**8. Environmental Implications**

8. There are no environmental implications relating to this report.