



Housing Select Committee

Response to Resident Housing Select Committee in-depth review on engagement in housing development

Date: 16 September 2021

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Executive Director for Housing, Regeneration and Public Realm

Outline and recommendations

It is recommended that Housing Select Committee review and note the report to Mayor and Cabinet containing the officer response to the Committee's in-depth review on engagement in housing development

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Timeline of engagement and decision-making

Housing Select Committee, 30 January 2020 – Resident engagement in housing development: Summary of evidence

Mayor and Cabinet, 14 September 2021 - Response to Resident Housing Select Committee in-depth review on engagement in housing development

Reasons for lateness and urgency

This report was not published with the original agenda despatch and has not been available for five clear days before the meeting. This was to allow officers to provide the response to Mayor and Cabinet to approve at their meeting of 14 September 2021. The report is urgent as it cannot wait to the next meeting of the Committee because there is a lack of free capacity at the next scheduled Housing Select Committee meeting.

1. Summary

- 1.1. At its meeting of 30 January 2020, Housing Select Committee presented a summary of their review of resident engagement in housing development.
- 1.2. The committee noted that from the evidence that they had gathered as part of their work that commenced in June 2019, there was already a number of examples of good practice across the Borough.
- 1.3. The committee considered that there was an opportunity to implement new practices to build on the good work that was already developed and made 12 recommendations to further improve resident consultation.

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- 1.4. Mayor and Cabinet considered the Housing Select Committee's recommendations and officer responses on 14 September 2021 and have approved the report.
- 1.5. The Mayor and Cabinet report has been appended for members of the Housing Select Committee to review and note.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that Housing Select Committee review and note the report to Mayor and Cabinet containing the officer response to the Committee's in-depth review on engagement in housing development.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The policy context is set out in the Mayor and Cabinet report of 14 September 2021 which is appended.

4. Background

- 4.1. The background is set out in the Mayor and Cabinet report of 14 September 2021 which is appended.

5. HSC recommendations and officer responses

- 5.1. The 12 recommendations made by the Housing Select Committee and the officer responses are set out in the Mayor and Cabinet report of 14 September 2021 which is appended.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1. The conclusions reached as a result of the work carried out by the Housing Select Committee and officers are set out in the appended Mayor and Cabinet report.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

8. Legal implications

- 8.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

9. Equalities implications

- 9.1. Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 9.2. The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
 - eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

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- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

10. Climate change and environmental implications

- 10.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

11. Crime and disorder implications

- 11.1. There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

12. Health and wellbeing implications

- 12.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

13. Background papers

- 13.1. More information on the previous Mayor and Cabinet and Housing Select Committee reports are available on the Council's website at <https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/>

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