



Housing Committee

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Title	Members' Items
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Status	Public
Enclosures	None
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Summary

The report provides detail on the Member's Items submitted for the Housing Committee to consider and for instructions to be provided to Officers.

Recommendation

That the Housing Committee's instructions are requested in relation to the items submitted by Members of the Committee highlighted at section 1.1.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ITEMS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

Councillor Ross Houston	<p>Fire safety in social and private housing blocks</p> <p>In light of the terrible fire at Grenfell Tower in North Kensington I request that the Housing Committee receive a report from Barnet Homes and the Deputy Chief Executive of Barnet Council reviewing the arrangements for fire safety at all Barnet Homes properties and also Housing Association properties located in Barnet.</p> <p>I also request that the report addresses what role Barnet Council can and should play in ensuring private blocks of flats in the borough have robust fire safety arrangements in place.</p>
Councillor Adam Langleben	<p>Housing allocations policy for families with disabled children and children under 2 years</p> <p>I request that the Housing Committee receive a report on how housing allocations policy is impacting families with disabled children and families with children under 2 years.</p> <p>The report should include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- details of how the needs of disabled children are taken into account when offering / allocating properties to families- whether evidence is requested from disability experts in addition to medical experts when assessing cases- whether the needs of children with disabilities are taken into account when deciding what number of bedrooms are appropriate for a family- whether children are expected to share a bedroom where one or both have a disability- how families who have children with autism are assessed when allocating properties- the number of families with one child under 2 years that have been permanently placed in one bedroom flats

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Housing Committee is requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 When matters raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 The Council's Constitution Responsibility for Functions, section 6 illustrates that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee may have one item only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.3.2 There are no legal references in the context of this report.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 Member's Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Email to Governance Service.