



Housing Committee

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Title	Member's 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>Barnet's Housing Needs Assessment</p> <p>Councils have a vital role to play in boosting homes for families in need and solving our housing crisis. The borrowing cap on local authorities restricts the number of new homes that local authorities can deliver.</p> <p>The November Budget did not abolish or raise the local authority borrowing cap however it did allow councils in some “high demand areas” to apply to have their cap lifted.</p> <p>To maximise the effectiveness of an application by Barnet we will rely on our housing needs data. As the last housing needs assessment dates from 2014 I ask that the committee authorise a new assessment so that Barnet is best placed to have the evidence base to make a successful application.</p>
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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 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.