

	<h2>Housing Committee</h2> <h3>19 October 2015</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Member’s Item – Councillor Houston</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Urgent</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Key</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>None</p>
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>The report informs the Housing Committee of a Member’s Item and requests instruction from the Committee.</p>

<h2>Recommendations</h2>
<p><b>1. That the Housing Committee’s instructions are required on whether to bring a detailed report to a future meeting</b></p>

**1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

1.1 Councillor Houston has requested that a Member’s Item be considered on the following matter:

“To ask for an update on the scrutiny of / engagement with Housing Associations by the council, and in particular on the future role of the Housing Committee.”

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee are requested to give consideration to the Member's Item and provide instruction as to whether they wish to receive a detailed report on the issue raised at a future meeting.

## **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 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies, such as the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and the Barnet Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

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

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

### **5.3 Social Value**

- 5.3.1 Members Item's provide an avenue for Members to request Officer reports for discussion within a Committee setting at a future meeting.

### **5.4 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.4.1 The Council's Constitution (Meeting Procedure Rules, Section 6) notes that a Member (including Members appointed as substitutes by Council will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a Committee or Sub-Committee on which s/he 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 other legal references in the context of this report.

### **5.5 Risk Management**

- 5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

### **5.6 Equalities and Diversity**

- 5.6.1 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.

**5.7 Consultation and Engagement**

5.7.1 None in the context of this report.

**5.8 Insight**

5.8.1 The process for receiving a Member's Item is set out in the Council's Constitution, as outlined in section 5.4 of this report. Members will be requested to consider the item and determine any further action that they may wish in relation to the issues highlighted within the Member's Item.

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 E-mail to Governance Officer dated 7 October 2015.