

	<p align="center">Policy and Resources committee</p> <p align="center">17th May 2016</p>	
<p align="right">Title</p>	<p>Member's Item – Cllr Ross Houston Affordable housing targets</p>	
<p align="right">Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>	
<p align="right">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>	
<p align="right">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>	
<p align="right">Enclosures</p>	<p>None</p>	
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Summary

The report informs the Policy and Resources Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Policy and Resources Committee's instructions in relation to this Member's item are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

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

'The current London Plan targets for housing delivery are not being met by LB Barnet according to the most recent GLA monitoring report.

The GLA's Annual Monitoring Report 12 (2014/15) shows that Barnet has only delivered 1096 new affordable homes over the last three years which is 28 per cent of the total number of homes, against a target of 40 per cent.

The report also shows that Barnet has failed against the target on total supply of new homes in 2014/15 (both affordable and market), delivering only 1,207 (55 per cent) compared with the London Plan requirement to deliver 2,175.

Successive GLA monitoring reports show that Barnet has not met its targets for new homes since 2006-07 and has failed on its target for affordable housing for more than ten years.

Barnet also compares badly with neighbouring Labour boroughs, with Camden and Brent each achieving higher numbers of new homes than Barnet despite the fact that their combined area is smaller than Barnet.

Net new homes, percentage of London Plan target 2014/15:

	Net new homes	% of London Plan target
Barnet	1,207	55%
Brent	1,488	148%
Camden	1,541	232%
Enfield	395	74%
Haringey	625	79%
Harrow	402	114%

Affordable housing as percentage of all new homes 2012 – 2015:

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	3 year average
Barnet	29%	26%	28%	28%
Brent	34%	35%	45%	40%
Camden	52%	40%	13%	36%
Enfield	44%	32%	21%	34%
Haringey	58%	33%	63%	53%
Harrow	44%	11%	23%	31%

I request that the committee consider these figures and ask for a report back reviewing how the council's policy that 40% of new development is affordable is being implemented and delivered, and whether the council needs to do something different to enforce the policy and meet the targets.'

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore 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 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.

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 (Meeting Procedure Rules, Section 6) states 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.

5.4 Risk Management

- 5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.5.1 Members' 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 None.