

## Housing Committee

This committee is responsible for the Housing Strategy (including homelessness), commissioning of environmental health functions for private sector housing, and works with Barnet Homes, Re, Social Landlords and social housing providers on housing related matters.

### Introduction:

The Housing Committee agrees all matters relating to Housing Policy for the borough. The committee oversees the delivery of the Council’s Housing and Homelessness Strategies and is responsible for matters relating to housing performance, budgets and risk.

### Committee Priorities for 2019-2024

Corporate priority	How we will deliver this by 2024
Ensuring decent quality housing that buyers and renters can afford, prioritising Barnet residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing supply to ensure greater housing choice for residents</li> <li>Delivering new affordable housing, including new homes on council-owned land</li> <li>Prioritising people with a local connection and who give back to the community through the Housing Allocations Scheme</li> <li>Ensuring that good landlords continue to provide accommodation and that poor-quality housing is improved</li> </ul>
Additional committee priority	How we will deliver this by 2024
Raising Standards in the Private Rented Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introducing a selective licensing scheme for landlords where the evidence supports the need for it</li> <li>Improving the quality of advice and information available to private tenants</li> <li>Targeting enforcement and monitoring of properties that require a licence</li> </ul>
Safe and secure homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing additional investment in fire safety measures for council housing</li> <li>Working with private owners and housing associations to ensure buildings are safe</li> <li>Taking enforcement action to bring empty properties back into use</li> </ul>
Developing housing fit for our future population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivering a pipeline of new extra care facilities that provide additional support to help people remain independent</li> <li>Ensuring 10% of new homes are wheelchair accessible</li> <li>Ensuring the Local Plan supports delivery of the right homes in the right places</li> </ul>
Tackling and preventing homelessness and rough sleeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing the use of temporary accommodation</li> <li>Focusing on prevention of homelessness</li> <li>Maintaining effective multi-agency and voluntary sector partnerships, including strengthening links between housing and health</li> <li>Supporting rough sleepers to address their housing and other needs</li> </ul>