



Housing and Growth Committee

24th November 2020

Title

Member's Items

Cllr Sara Conway – Forum of RSL's in Barnet

Cllr Ross Houston – Town centres and enterprise

Cllr Kath McGuirk – North Finchley Regeneration

Cllr Paul Edwards – Evictions and housing support

Report of

Head of Governance

Wards

All Wards

Status

Public

Urgent

No

Key

No

Enclosures

None

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Summary

. The Committee is requested to consider the item and give instruction to Officers.

Officers Recommendation

That the Housing and Growth Committee's instructions in relation to these Member's Items are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Members of the Committee have requested that the items tabled below are submitted to the Housing and Growth Committee for considering and determination. The Housing and Growth Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

Cllr Sara Conway	Forum of RSL's in Barnet We are now in a second lockdown, albeit with different restrictions, but once again people are being asked to spend as much time as possible at home. Further lockdowns and circuit-breakers may follow for some time. Given all the ongoing issues regarding fire safety, cladding and building / estate management across the Borough, I ask that Committee establishes a forum or mechanism for cross-party members of the committee to meet RSLs and raise community safety and other priority issues directly with them and report back to this committee.
Cllr Ross Houston	Town Centres and enterprise I request the Committee receives an update on work to build back better and greener in our town centres and support local enterprise during and following the pandemic. In particular I would like the Committee to be advised what additional measures the Council is undertaking, over and above any national initiatives, to sustain hard hit businesses in our town centres and high streets. Some businesses have been disproportionately hit by the Covid-19 lockdown and slow recoveries. Many people are wary of visiting businesses such as hairdressers when restrictions ease - the National Hair & Beauty Federation warned 30 per cent of beauty sector businesses could face permanent closure if there were a second lockdown, which we are now in. We have already seen closures in Ballards Lane.
Cllr Kath McGuirk	North Finchley Regeneration I request that the Committee is given an update on the proposed North Finchley Regeneration Scheme. Are there any plans to establish the agreed partnership board? It would be good to at least

	start getting the input of local businesses, residents and organisations into possible future plans.
Cllr Paul Edwards	<p>Evictions and Housing support</p> <p>I request that the Committee receives an update on housing support during the pandemic, including impact of recent housing benefit changes on people in receipt, rent arrears in the social rented sector across Barnet and evictions overall.</p>

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 N/A

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 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. The matter must be relevant to the terms of reference of the committee.

- 5.3.2 The referral of a motion from Full Council to a committee will not count as a Member's Item for the purposes of this rule.

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 Email received on the 12th November 2020 from Political Assistant.