

Appendix 2

Housing, Environment and Healthier Communities OSC – Potential Issues for Draft Work Programme 2022-23

Strategic Vision – Making Gateshead a place where everyone thrives

Five Pledges

- Put people and families at the heart of everything we do
- Tackle inequality so people have a fair chance
- Support our communities to support themselves and each other
- Invest in our economy to provide sustainable opportunities for employment, innovation and growth across the borough
- Work together and fight for a better future.

OSC Remit

- economic development
- lifelong learning
- culture, including leisure
- community safety
- housing including buildings and service compliance and performance monitoring
- Homelessness, locality management and housing development
- physical development and regeneration
- transport planning and public transport
- local environment
- protection of the environment

Emerging Issues

- **Health Check of Community Centres** (requested by OSC and rolled forward from 2021-22 work programme)
- **Results of Covid 19 survey** (requested by OSC and rolled forward from 2021 22 work programme)
- **Community Wealth Building** (with a focus on how this is being progressed with regard to local contracts) – **joint scrutiny with Corporate Resources OSC**
- **Lifelong Learning** (schools used to offer evening courses but ceased – how are we addressing this? What's available to the retired – both academically and physically and do we have a clear picture of provision across the borough) -
- **Housebuilding – Update** (update on why not meeting our house build target / what we are doing to address the gap and the Council's plans for a wider range of provision)
- **Flytipping – Update** (setting out how we are addressing flytipping generally and also include a six - month assessment of the new system introduced in November 2021 is working)
- **Protection of Green Assets - Update (eg. Chopwell, Thornley Woods)** – Update on what is happening in this area given reliance on volunteers
- **Private Landlord Registration Scheme** – Update to cover how the scheme is working, whether it is going to be extended/ how many complaints are received in relation to private landlords/whether many of these related to repairs needed/ how the Council is responding to Complaints about private landlords and whether Council is in a position to accurately advise as to whether private housing stock is of good quality and value for money
- **Tackling Homelessness** – (Progress Update on implementation of new strategy)

- **Housing Design and Energy Efficient Standards**– (to focus on the planning process and the standards currently accepted and what more can be achieved in terms of design and energy efficiency)

Issues where OSC has asked for continual updates/specific issues

- New Performance Management Framework – six monthly updates
- The Flood and Water Management Act 2010: Annual Progress Report
- Housing Compliance and Monitoring reports (to include updates on Housing Regulatory Self - Assessment, Repairs and Maintenance Improvement Plan, Housing Compliance, Operational Performance, Housing Satisfaction Survey, Resident Influence Panel update)
- Annual Update Beamish (work around TWAMS is now being dealt with/ scrutinised via other mechanisms)
- Community Safety Priorities and Progress updates

It is proposed that these issues are retained as standard items within the OSC work programme