

Place Select Committee Chair's Update – January 2023

Scrutiny Review – Planning (Development Management) & Adoption of Open Space	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>November's meeting was the final evidence gathering session. A verbal update on the open space aspect of the review was presented. A planning agent was present at the meeting to respond to the Committee's questions on experiences of the Council's planning service. Written evidence from developers has also been submitted as part of this review.</p> <p>Site visits to five locations across the borough were conducted on 28 November. This provided Committee Members with the opportunity to view and discuss the similarities and differences between private and Council maintenance of open spaces.</p> <p>The summary of evidence was discussed at December's informal meeting and draft recommendations were agreed by the Committee.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The draft final report will be considered at the January meeting.
On track – yes / no	Yes – the final report is due to be presented to Cabinet in February 2023.

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>The following progress updates were received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>Fire Safety of High Rise Residential Buildings (T&F)</u> The second update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this review was presented in November 2022. An update on the ongoing Grenfell Tower public enquiry was provided. The Committee was also provided with an update on major changes to building regulation legislation with further training required for Council officers. The outstanding recommendation (regarding the Grenfell enquiry) remained incomplete, but the Committee agreed that no further formal updates were required. However, it was also agreed that future updates on the Grenfell enquiry would be presented at Members' briefing sessions.</p> <p><u>Planters in Residential Streets (T&F)</u> The second update on the agreed Action Plan in relation to this review was presented in November 2022. All actions were fully achieved. Officers agreed to provide the</p>

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	<p>Committee with an updated list of planters and information on resident engagement following the review.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Support and Engagement (Jan 23) • Highways Asset Management (inc. Potholes and Flooding) (Feb 23) • Parking on Grass Verges (T&F) (Feb 23) • Residents Parking Zones (March 23)
<p>Requests for more information</p>	<p>None</p>

Remaining 2022-2023 Scrutiny Reviews

None

Remaining 2022-2023 Meetings (all 2.00pm unless stated)

Monday 23 January 2023
 Monday 27 February 2023
 Monday 27 March 2023