

COUNCIL – 7 NOVEMBER 2022

STATEMENT BY CLLR DAVID JEFFELS

CHAIR OF THE LIVES AND HOMES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee next meets on Friday 4 November 2022 to undertake further pre-decision scrutiny on the Better Homes programme for the provision of quality affordable housing in the Borough. Our earlier meeting, which was due to take place in early October, was cancelled as a mark of respect following the period of national mourning for the late Queen Elizabeth II.

At our later meeting in November on 23rd, we will be undertaking further pre-decision scrutiny on cemeteries provision in the Borough and reviewing and receiving an update on progress following the scrutiny review work undertaken on this matter 12 months ago.

The Committee also regularly reviews its own work programme and the Cabinet Forward Plan and has continues to schedule important topics scheduled for consideration moving forward.

The Working Party on the Cost of Living Crisis, comprising membership across both scrutiny committees has met on a number of occasions. It also held a “scrutiny in a day” evidence gathering session at the Town Hall on Wednesday 26 October 2022 hearing from a variety of representatives across the public, faith and charity sectors. A final report of the review group will be submitted to the scrutiny committees in due course.

Monthly meetings continue to take place with the Places and Futures Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair and Vice-Chair, Cllr Coulson and Cllr Riley.

In addition we programme in quarterly Cabinet/Scrutiny liaison meetings.