**Waltham Forest’s Affordable Housing Commission**

Session 1 agenda

5:30-8pm Wednesday 25th Jan 2023

Waltham Forest Town Hall

**Attendees**

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| **Commission members** | **Council representatives** |
| * Geeta Nanda OBE (Chair)
* Fred Angole
* Nicola Mathers
* Janice Morphet
* Rob Perrins
* Gavin Smart
* Melissa Tettey
 | * Cllr Ahsan Khan, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing & Regeneration
* Stewart Murray, Strategic Director – Economic Growth & Housing Delivery
* Ian Rae, Corporate Director – Regeneration, Planning & Delivery
* Joe Garrod, Corporate Director - Housing
* Jon Lloyd, Corporate Director – Strategy and Change

**External witnesses*** Will Temple – Senior Consultant, PRD
* Chris Paddock – Director of Place and Economy, PRD
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**Apologies**

* Nick Bowes (Commission member)

**Session focus**

**Exploration of what homes we should build:**

This session will focus on thinking about the homes that should be built in Waltham Forest considering the wider context, and their characteristics in terms of design and tenure, to meet the needs of residents now and in the future.

**Papers**

1. Demographics and general context of the borough
2. Waltham Forest’s housing evidence-base
3. Overview of Waltham Forest’s affordable housing plans

**Agenda**

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| **Timing** | **Item** | **Purpose** | **Lead**  |
| 5:30 – 5:40  | Welcome and Introductions | * Roundtable introductions of attendees
* Brief introduction of the focus for the session
 | Geeta Nanda OBE (Chair) |
| 5:40 – 6:00  | Review of the evidence – *What does local qualitative and quantitative research show about the current context and challenges in relation to the housing crisis?* **(Paper 2)** | * Presentation by PRD of the relevant evidence on today’s topic, including information around housing delivery and demand, and population changes
* Questions and clarifications, on evidence
* Identification of further information required
 | Will Temple – Senior Consultant, PRDChris Paddock – Director of Place and Economy, PRD |
| 6:00 - 6:15 | Expert 1 – Lyn Garner - Chief Executive, London Legacy Development Corporation  | * Overview of GLA Group housing delivery
* Putting Waltham Forest’s housing challenges in the London context
 | Lyn Garner - Chief Executive, London Legacy Development Corporation  |
| 6:15 – 6:30 | Expert 2 – Ian Rae, Corporate Director – Regeneration, Planning & Delivery**(Paper 3)** | * Overview of Waltham Forest’s affordable housing plans, including what has been delivered over the past decade and what is in the pipeline
* Local Plan & overview of planned developments
 | Ian Rae, Corporate Director – Regeneration, Planning & Delivery |
| 6:30 - 6:40 | Comfort Break |  |  |
| 6:40 -7:25  | Discussion – generating emerging ideas for the Council to consider | * Focusing on home building, how far is Waltham Forest from achieving its goal of making the greatest impact for residents, particularly those facing the worst effects of the housing crisis?
* What are the main challenges?
* What are the main opportunities?

*Based on the challenges and opportunities, write emerging ideas answering the session’s headline question on post-it notes.**Based on the post-it notes, each member to highlight one idea they would like to pursue further.*  | Geeta Nanda OBE (Chair)All |
| 7:25 – 7:55  | Activity - Developing initial recommendations | *Place each idea onto a matrix showing the potential impact and complexity of implementation of this idea.* *From the matrix, choose together three ideas to be developed into initial recommendations.* *Develop each of the 3 ideas into an initial recommendation by answering these key questions:** What could the Council do to improve its position?
* What would be the expected outcomes?

*Initial recommendations from each of the sessions will be brought together for the final session for further development and ratification.*  | Geeta Nanda OBE (Chair)All |
| 7:55 – 8:00 | Closing | * Focus of the next session will be on *how* we should build in terms of accelerating construction, financing and developing partnerships.
* Any specific evidence/information required for this next session to be highlighted
 | Geeta Nanda OBE (Chair) |