

Appendix 1

Scrutiny Panel	Date of meeting	Agenda Item	Recommendation	Recommendation to	Accepted/Rejected	Reason for acceptance/ rejection
2. Economy and Sustainability	18/10/23	Housing Delivery Programme	As part of the lessons learnt exercise in relation to council contractor Henry going into administration whilst developing multiple Ealing sites, Ealing Council will develop a framework to ensure it properly evaluates contractors financial viability to deliver and how this is monitored through the period of the development.	Clare Tostevin, Interim Assistant Director Housing Regeneration	Accepted	This will help us ensure that we are confident robust processes are in place in future and the overall risk is considered.
2. Economy and Sustainability	18/10/23	Housing Delivery Programme	The Council remains firm on the target of 35% affordable homes for new developments.	Clare Tostevin, Interim Assistant Director Housing Regeneration	Accepted	
2. Economy and Sustainability	18/10/23	Housing Delivery Programme	The council conducts resident/tenants satisfaction surveys between 1-3 years after completion of developments. This should not only survey opinion on the quality of homes but also on the on-going management. This should inform the Council on which housing association and developer partners it should continue work with in the future to ensure future developments are delivered and managed to the highest quality.	Clare Tostevin, Interim Assistant Director Housing Regeneration	Accepted	This needs setting up so that it happens routinely for every scheme and enables the development team to feed lessons learned into future schemes.
2. Economy and Sustainability	05/12/23	Climate Action Progress	The council should launch a competition for school children in the borough to reward innovative ways of help the environment.	Alison Parry, Interim Climate and Sustainability Manager	Accepted	
2. Economy and Sustainability	05/12/23	Climate Action Progress	The council should work with educational institutions and businesses to create a strategy to boost skills for green jobs so that Ealing residents can benefit from employment in this growth sector.	Connor McDonagh, Assistant Director Economic Growth	Accepted	A jobs and skills forum has been set up, as well as Ealing and University Partners Forum

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2. Economy and Sustainability	05/12/23	Climate Action Progress	The council will ensure when assessing biodiversity net gain in planning applications, that the net gain should be on the site of the application or as close as possible rather than being offset miles from the application in a single location like a regional park.	Jennifer Peters, Assistant Director, Planning, Design and Sustainability	Accepted	The biodiversity net gain (BNG) approach embeds a fundamental principle for spatial hierarchy of habitat delivery, where there is a preference for onsite or local enhancements. Further information on this Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy is set out in the draft Planning Practice Guidance Paragraph: 007 Reference ID: 74-007-2023. The Biodiversity Metric incentivises habitat delivery on or close to the development site through a 'Spatial Risk Multiplier', which reduces the biodiversity value of habitats delivered further away from the development. Where a development cannot achieve BNG either wholly or partly onsite, then the developer can secure the unit shortfall by securing a bespoke site for net gain, or from appropriate sites on the local net gain habitat market from other landowners. These sites will need to meet the criteria of the biodiversity gain sites register. If a shortfall in units required to achieve BNG remains, having explored the onsite and local offsite options, a developer can purchase statutory biodiversity credits from government as a last resort. Therefore, the recommendation is consistent with the regulations and the Council will be keen to ensure that net gain is delivered in the borough.