

Item no: <b>16</b>	Classification: OPEN	Committee Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Sub-Committee	Date: 2 April 2003
From: Head of Corporate Strategy		Title: Scrutiny of the Council's Draft Unitary Development Plan (UDP) Session Four	

## **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To set out context for the fourth session of the review of the Council's Draft Unitary Development Plan (UDP).

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That when considering the items on the agenda for 2 April 2003 Members consider the amended programme for the scrutiny of the Council's Draft UDP (attached at Appendix A).

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 On 11 March 2003 the Sub-Committee met to consider items to enable the continued scrutiny of the Council's Draft UDP following the cancellation of the meeting scheduled for the 5 March 2003.
- 3.2 At the meeting on 11 March the Sub-Committee set aside two further sessions for the consideration of the Council's UDP:
- 2 April – expert witness session
  - 8 April – consideration of comments from other scrutiny sub-committees, consideration of the comments of the Sub-Committee to date and arrival at final recommendations.
- 3.4 In consultation with the Chair an additional expert witness from Habinteg Housing Association has been invited to attend the meeting on 2 April to discuss high density housing. Habinteg Housing Association have recently published a *report Lifetime Homes, Living Well Together - achieving sustainable, flexible homes within high density neighbourhoods* in partnership with GML Architects, the Mayor of London and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix B.

- 3.5 The Sub-Committee started its review of the Council's Draft UDP on 27 January 2003 when Members received a presentation of the proposals from officers.
- 3.6 At the meeting on 27 January 2003 Members set out the key areas for scrutiny as part of the review of the Council's Draft UDP:
- i. Assessment of appropriateness of housing densities
  - ii. The Sustainability Criteria and the ability of the plan to deliver sustainable development
  - iii. The appropriateness of Opportunity Area and Action Areas
  - iv. The uses of Section 106 funding
- 3.7 Following the meeting on 11 March officers amended the UDP Scrutiny programme in line with the wishes of Members and is attached at Appendix A.

#### **4. Concurrent of the Borough Solicitor & Secretary**

- 4.1 Legal Advice on individual scrutiny reviews will be provided by the Borough Solicitor & Secretary.

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