

Item No: <b>8</b>	<b>Classification:</b> OPEN	<b>Date:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2004	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Overview & Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report Title:</b>		Scrutiny: Canada Estate – Report from Housing Scrutiny Sub - Committee	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Housing Scrutiny Sub - Committee	

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- That members consider the following recommendations from the Housing Sub – Committee and note the briefing from Housing Officers ( Appendix A) which the Housing Sub – Committee made their recommendations:

At the January 20 Meeting of Housing members considered the report on the Canada Estate and resolved the following:

1. Members noted the contents of the report and are satisfied that procedures and controls have now been put in place that should prevent a reoccurrence of the event that occurred on the Canada Estate.
2. Members also noted the other concerns re financial controls on other schemes. And will take a report on the common hold and leasehold reform act at a future meeting.
3. Members agreed to return to this issue of Major Works Contract as part of its annual work plan and formally ask for an annual report on major works contracts highlighting in particular any major works contract overspends.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At the December 15 Overview and Scrutiny Committee members considered a deputation request on the Canada Estates works and resolved the following:

1. That Housing Scrutiny Sub – Committee take the issues of Canada Estate contract as a case study for review in discovering failings in terms of major works contracts.
2. That the Director of Housing report to the Housing Scrutiny Sub – Committee on outstanding works and plan of action by Jan 04.
3. That the recommendations of the Housing Scrutiny Sub – Committee recommendations are reported to Overview and Scrutiny Committee by March 04.

Members of the Housing Scrutiny Sub Committee received a briefing from Housing Officers on the situation at its 20 January 2004 meeting. (Appendix A)

Members were informed that following a meeting in early January a snagging list had been completed and that regular meetings between officers and stakeholders would occur to resolve any ongoing matters.

### Audit Trail

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Borough Solicitor & Secretary	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	No	No
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<b>Executive Member</b>	No	No
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