

PLACE SCRUTINY BOARD

Scrutiny in a Day – Housing TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONTEXT

Following work on social housing and private rented housing in 2022/23 Place Scrutiny Board has decided to undertake a “scrutiny in a day review” of Calderdale’s Housing Strategy.

REVIEW GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Councillors: Clarke (Lead)

It is recommended that Members of the Place Scrutiny Board make up this Review Group. Where appropriate, substitutes may be made, and additional members may be recruited.

The Review Group will be supported by Libby Whiley, Mike Lodge and Ben Marshall from the Scrutiny Team.

OBJECTIVES

- To better understand and consider the Calderdale Council Housing Strategy 2021-26, including how this is being implemented, what has so far been achieved and the priorities for the next three years.
- To consider the views of residents in Calderdale in relation to housing access and housing standards, including outright homeowners, mortgaged homeowners, private renters, social renters, private landlords, and services users in temporary accommodation.
- To understand the current state of the housing market within Calderdale, for both renters and those looking to buy, and how this relates to the market at a regional and national level.
- To consider the implementation of Calderdale’s Local Plan and how this will impact the housing market within the Borough.
- To explore the working relationship between Calderdale Council and housing providers in the borough, including, large scale providers and partners such as Together Housing as well as private landlords.
- To consider the Council’s role/work to ensure all dwellings in the borough meet provide a good quality of accommodation.
- To better understand the work to make new and existing homes more environmentally sustainable and resilient to cope with the impact of climate change.
- To consider access to housing in Calderdale, and the support/resources in place for those who unable to find suitable housing.

- To consider the preventative work to address homelessness and rough sleeping within Calderdale.

METHODOLOGY & TIMESCALES

The Scrutiny Board will receive evidence and hold discussions at “scrutiny in a day” sessions in January and February 2024. It is thought likely that two sessions will be needed, but it may be possible to complete the work in one day.

The Board will need to arrange another meeting to consider a draft report and finalise recommendations.

A formal meeting of the Board will consider the report and recommendations, probably in March 2024.

ORGANISATIONS & PEOPLE TO INVOLVE

Cabinet Member with responsibility for housing

Council officers from regeneration and Strategy and Public Services Directorates.

Tenants and owner occupiers

Social Housing landlords

Private Rented Landlords

Calderdale Landlords Association

Estate Agents

This is not an exclusive list and may be amended.