# Housing Transformation Programme progress

January Housing Improvement Board meeting

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# Vision, Direction & Transformation Plan for the directorate

| Workstream Outcome  | Live Projects for<br>January                     | Workstream Lead              | Timeframe                  | Project progress since November 2022  |
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| A Vision & Mission is<br>developed which provides<br>strategic direction for the<br>directorate and is informed<br>by an understanding of<br>issues affecting the<br>directorate.             | 1.3 Housing Strategy                             | Lara Ashley/Velvet<br>Dibley | Completed by<br>June 2023  | SWOT sessions have been held with<br>Commercial Investment Housing Strategy<br>Lead, Planning Housing Strategy Lead and<br>Private Sector Housing Strategy Lead.<br>Analysis of LBC housing need has begun.<br>Progress update provided to DMT. |
| The Transformation of the directorate is governed and resourced appropriately.<br>A Housing Strategy which embeds the transformation of the directorate into BAU is developed and implemented | 1.5 High-level<br>restructuring &<br>recruitment | Lara Ashley                  | Completed by<br>March 2023 | Initial design session completed, initial<br>discussions and desk research has been<br>initiated  |



# **Governance & Information Management**

| Workstream<br>Outcome   | Live projects   | Project Lead                        | Timescale                 | Project Progress since November<br>2022  |
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| To develop a robust<br>framework for effective<br>governance of the<br>directorate to ensure  | 2.1 Revised Performance<br>Framework and Business<br>Intelligence                     | Velvet Dibley                       | January-September<br>2023 | Problem statement and project scope based<br>on desktop research signed off.<br>Meeting occurred with the Data & Insight<br>Officer to begin mapping data collection and<br>distribution, including mapping of protected<br>characteristics data across the directorate. |
| accountability, high<br>performance, and<br>effective financial and<br>information management | 2.5 HRA ringfence review &<br>HRA service charges<br>(Financial Governance<br>Review) | Velvet<br>Dibley/Orlagh<br>Guarnori | Completed by June<br>2023 | A proposal paper has been sent to Cabinet, to<br>recommend the 7% rent and service charges<br>increase to be implemented for 2023-24. A<br>dedicated tenants meeting was convened in<br>December, to inform residents of the<br>proposals contained in the cabinet paper |



# **Customer Excellence**

| Workstream Outcome  | Live Projects                                   | Project Lead | Timescales                     | Project Progress since November 2022   |
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| To have implemented a new way of operating as   | 3.10 Consumer<br>Standards review               | Mary Larbie  | August 2022 - January<br>2023  | The documents required have been confirmed and<br>are to be located and sent to Campbell Tickell. The<br>remaining documents will be sent by 22 <sup>nd</sup> January<br>and leads for each standard will then be confirmed. A<br>briefing session has been agreed. Self assessment<br>briefing was delivered 5th January. |
| a directorate which puts<br>the residents at the<br>heart of service delivery,<br>engages with them | 3.2 Resident<br>Engagement Strategy             | Mary Larbie  | January 2023 -<br>onwards      | The programme of activity has been scoped. Initial research has been undertaken to collate best practice.  |
| effectively and<br>respectfully meeting all   | 3.3 Customer<br>Services Action Plan            | Mary Larbie  | October 2022 -<br>January 2023 | The estate walkabout programme has been revised and relaunched.  |
| expectations of the<br>tenant involvement and<br>empowerment standard.                              | 3.8 Customer<br>Learning & Review of<br>Process | Mary Larbie  | January 2023 - March<br>2023   | Survey is being devised to establish a member of the complaints team/the complaints manager into the project team.   |
|   | 3.14 Customer<br>Satisfaction<br>Standards      | Mary Larbie  | January - April 2023           | The project has been initiated.  |



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| Live projects                      | Project lead                                   | Timescales                     | Progress since November 2022  |
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| 3.1 Resident Charter               | Mary Larbie/Gavin<br>Rodgers/Katherine<br>Monk | August 2022 - January<br>2023  | A survey asking for resident feedback on the Charter has<br>been sent to residents. Links to an online survey were<br>distributed to over 1800 residents via the OpenHouse<br>newsletter and promoted via the RI Facebook page and<br>emailed to RI database members. Positive response form<br>residents and feedback has been incorporated. The Charter<br>was formally adopted at December 2022 Cabinet. |
| 3.11 Rent-consultation initiative  | Mary Larbie                                    | October 2022 - January<br>2023 | Meeting with Tenants & Leasehold Panel was held on 11th<br>October 2022; follow up meeting on 20th December.  |
| 3.15 NEC                           | Mary Larbie                                    | Feb 2022 - December<br>2023    | A new-go live date has been confirmed: 30/05/2023. A re-<br>planning workshop occurred on the 7th December 2022. A<br>new project plan has been drafted. An agreement with LBC<br>has been researched on the new baseline for Allocations<br>migrating from OHMS. Meetings with heads of service have<br>been arranged to clarify responsibilities.   |
| 3.4 Customer Information<br>Review | Mary Larbie                                    | November 2022 - April<br>2023  | The project has been initiated  |
| 3.7 Customer Service Training      | Mary Larbie                                    | January 2023 - March<br>2024   | The project has been Initiated  |



# Long-term Homes & Neighbourhood Planning

| Workstream Outcome  | Live Projects   | Project Lead                    | Timescales  | Workstream Progress since November 2022  |
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| A longer-term plan for the<br>management of Assets<br>including Regina Road,<br>LPS tower blocks and<br>other potential<br>regeneration sites. To<br>have structured the<br>Estates and Improvement<br>division to deliver on the<br>Asset Management<br>strategy and Housing<br>Strategy taking into<br>account the<br>neighbourhood plans that<br>deliver on a holistic view<br>of our communities. | 4.1 Regina Road                                       | Robin Smith                     | 2022 - 2032   | A statutory consultation with residents commenced<br>via letters, leaflets, information packs. Meetings and<br>design workshops occurred. Commissioning of<br>damp and mould surveys on each tenanted property<br>in the consultation area occurred. |
|   | 4.3 Development of an<br>Asset Management<br>Strategy | Stephen Tate                    | 2023 - 2033<br>(skeleton<br>strategy 1st<br>April 2023) | An analysis of the 5% stock condition validation<br>surveys has been undertaken. Development of 23-<br>24 capital program proposal, and the 5-year<br>program. Updated the HRA 30-year business plan.  |
|   | 4.4 Estates &<br>improvement<br>restructure           | Robin<br>Smith/Stephen<br>Tate) | Nov 2022 -<br>April 2023                                | Progress made in the repairs restructure and<br>behavioural change elements of the project. A<br>requirement for additional support in the restructure<br>has been established. A continued delivery of Bite<br>Sized training occurred.             |



# **Asset Compliance**

| Workstream Outcome   | Live Projects                                       | Project leads | Timescales             | Workstream Progress since November 2022   |
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| A robust framework<br>to ensure<br>compliance with   | 5.1 Compliance plan for<br>Fire Safety Act 2021     | Sam Pullen    | December<br>2022 - TBC | Carried out servicing baseline audit to provide data<br>and servicing assurance. Resident information<br>requirements have been drafted. Comms plan and<br>content have been produced. AOV survey exercise<br>occurred. Premises information boxes in 46 high-rise<br>blocks have been audited. Mazars audit is complete.                           |
| legislative and<br>regulatory<br>standards.<br>Full compliance with<br>legislative and<br>regulatory standards | 5.2 Compliance plan for<br>Building Safety Act 2022 | Sam Pullen    | October 2022 -<br>TBC  | The fire safety team have been assisted to audit the content of premises' information boxes and provide suitable building and floor plans. Servicing baseline audit slide deck was prevented to DMT to provide data and servicing assurances. Asset Management tram consultant procurement process was assisted. Document library started on Teams. |
| to deliver safe and compliant homes  | 5.3 Compliance audit                                | Sam Pullen    | March 2023-<br>TBC     | The procurement of external audit continues. Initial<br>review of the existing P&P undertaken. Compliance<br>servicing baseline position determined. Within the<br>restructure, progression towards the go-live date has<br>been made, including benchmarking.  |



# **Maintaining Our Homes**

| Workstream Outcome  | Live Projects  | Project Leads | Project status               | Workstream Progress since November 2022   |
|---|--|---------------|------------------------------|---|
| An effective, value-for-  | 6.1 Repairs re-<br>procurement   | Stephen Tate  | March 20232 -<br>August 2023 | The ISFT was issued on 12/12/22, and the evaluation of ITT contracts is in progress   |
| money approach to<br>responsive repairs that<br>delivers good customer<br>service and ensures our<br>assets meet and exceed<br>the Home Standard. | 6.2 Repairs Contact<br>Centre  | Stephen Tate  | March 2022 -<br>August 2023  | TUPE paperwork to in-source the contact centre was<br>presented to DMT, who asked to revisit this in January<br>2023. A managed service model was completed in<br>readiness for review with the supplier. Dependencies<br>workshop and outcomes conducted. Scope and brief<br>documents are completed to secure resource to assist<br>with customer journey mapping. The NEC project has<br>been supported with BPM (new pricing model) |
| void properties maximise<br>income and relieve<br>pressure on housing<br>register which reduces<br>wait-times for applicants.                     | e and relieve 6.4 Voids<br>re on housing Transformation<br>which reduces | Stephen Tate  | June 2022 - March<br>2023    | Resident Satisfaction Survey arrangements developed<br>and agreed with the Residents Voids Representative.<br>Review of the lettable standard has been initiated. Risk<br>register includes mitigating actions. Draft processes<br>created for process review and more detailed mapping.  |
|   | 6.5 Disrepair<br>Transformation  | Stephen Tate  | TBC                          | New members of the team are now trained. Continuous monitoring using MI occurring, to ensure that the new process is working correctly.   |



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| Live Projects  | Project Lead       | Timescales                         | Workstream Progress since November 2022  |
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| 6.6 Review of policies,<br>procedures, business processes<br>and customer journeys | Stephen Tate       | TBC                                | Project begun, with project leader assigned. Project support (an internal transfer) was instructed. The location of most existing policies and processes have been identified. Good practice review undertaken, and a list of standard P&P expected compiled. A development of customer journey assessment templates has been drafted.                                   |
| 6.7 Review of capital delivery contracts   | Christabel Acquaah | Jan 2023 <i>-</i><br>December 2023 | Contract review talks have commenced with AJS. Project<br>extension has been agreed in principle, based on existing<br>T&C's. The separate review of a commercial proposal has been<br>agreed. Echelon have advised regarding the AJS proposal. AJS<br>extension agreed to last until March 2025; thus, will be<br>incorporated into December 2023 commissioning review. |
| 6.8 Targeted approach to damp and mould  | Stephen Tate       | TBC                                | Recruitment of D&M team leader, surveyor, and admin. Interim<br>process started, and new process designed. Assessment form<br>for all teams to use created. Costs agreed with Axis to carry out<br>stage one visits.   |



# **People Development**

|  | Workstream Outcome   | Live Projects                                | Project Lead | Timescales                         | Workstream Progress since November 2022   |
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|  | To proactively manage our<br>culture, our development<br>as a directorate and<br>enable our workforce to<br>deliver excellence to our<br>customers, partners and<br>each other.<br>To create an engaged<br>workforce with the right<br>skills, the right leaders and<br>an enabling culture to<br>serve the customer well. | 7.1 Culture & transformation discovery       | Lara Ashley  | October 2022 -<br>December<br>2023 | Culture and change workshops have been<br>conducted across services and staff teams within<br>the directorate, to identify shortcomings of the<br>current working culture, and envision new ways of<br>working.                     |
|  |  | 7.10 Intra-directorate<br>Comms & engagement | Lara Ashley  | October 2022 -<br>December<br>2023 | Events are being scheduled with teams to consider<br>methods in which engagement can occur, and how<br>communication channels amongst the directorate<br>can be utilised effectively. Communications<br>resources are under review. |

