

## **Scrutiny review proposal**

- 1 What is the review?**  
A common lettings policy – looking at how the lettings policies of RSLs and the Council differ and whether it might be desirable and possible to move towards adopting common policies
- 2 What outcomes could realistically be achieved? Which agency does the review seek to influence?**  
To bring the lettings policies of each type of provider into line with each other, to ensure that tenants and leaseholders in one sector should not be disadvantaged as against those in the other. The review would seek to influence RSLs, the Executive and housing management officers
- 3 When should the review be carried out/completed?**  
i.e. does the review need to take place before/after a certain time?  
October/November 2008
- 4 What format would suit this review? (eg full investigation, q&a with executive member/partners, public meeting, one-off session)**  
To take the views of ward councillors, T & RAs, plus Exec member for housing, council officers and RSLs operating in the borough, either in writing or in interview.
- 5 What are some of the key issues that you would like the review to look at?**  
Policies on lettings, tenant and leaseholder involvement, terms and conditions, transfer/inheritance of tenancies, evictions, sub-lettings etc.
- 6 Who would you like to receive evidence and advice from during the review?**  
The council's housing management and legal teams; possibly the Housing Corporation, LEASE (a leaseholder advisory body)
- 7 Any suggestions for background information? Are you aware of any best practice on this topic?**  
The Housing Corporation may have model management schemes. Information could be gathered from other local authorities, London councils
- 8 What approaches could be useful for gathering evidence? What can be done outside committee meetings?**  
e.g. verbal or written submissions, site visits, mystery-shopping, service observation, meeting with stakeholders, survey, consultation event  
Verbal and written submissions

