

Residents' & Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee - Major Review 2015/16 - Hoarding

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REASON FOR ITEM

This is the second witness session of the Committee's review into Hoarding and Members will hear evidence from a number of witnesses who will provide expert advice on this area of interest.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is asked to receive the evidence of the witnesses and ask questions to help with the Committee's review.

INFORMATION

1. The Committee held its first witness session on 23 September 2015 and the details of the evidence given by witnesses at that meeting is provided in the Minutes of that meeting which are contained within the agenda papers.
2. Appendix 1 to this report is the scoping report for the review. The purpose of this witness session is to further consider the problems created by hoarding, and to receive expert advice and information from the Council's Mental Health Team, the London Fire Brigade, the Council's Anti-Social Behavior Investigations Team, the Council's Planning Enforcement Team and from A2 Dominion, Housing Association.

WITNESSES

3. Listed below are the names and positions of witnesses attending this session.

- David George - Station Manager, London Fire Brigade
- Sunny Mehmi - Service Manager - Mental Health, London Borough of Hillingdon
- Louise Doyle - Community Team Manager, Central and North West London Mental Health NHS Trust
- Linda Wharton - Planning Enforcement Manager, Planning Enforcement Team
- Ed Shaylor - Service Manager, Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team.

4. Attached for Members for their background reading are papers on: "Compulsive Hoarding Syndrome: Engaging Patients in Treatment"; an article on the "experience of Emotional Distancing in the Management of Compulsive Hoarding" and "Overcoming Hoarding - Self Help Guide using Cognitive Behavioural Techniques"

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Scoping Report for the review
- Appendix 2 - Background reading