

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 15th September, 2005

Place: Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Epping

Time: 5.15 pm

Democratic Services Officer: Zoe Folley (Direct Line:01992 564532)
zfolley@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Members:

Councillors S Murray (Chairman), Mrs R Gadsby (Vice-Chairman), K Angold-Stephens, R Chidley, P Gode, Mrs A Grigg, Mrs J Lea, L Martin, Mrs S Perry, T Richardson and Mrs J H Whitehouse

Epping Forest Tenants & Leaseholders Federation: Mrs M Carter

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

1. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (COUNCIL MINUTE 39 - 23.7.02)

(Head of Research and Democratic Services) To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

(Head of Research and Democratic Services). To declare interests in any items on the agenda.

In considering whether to declare a personal or a prejudicial interest under the Code of Conduct, Overview & Scrutiny members are asked pay particular attention to paragraph 11 of the Code in addition to the more familiar requirements.

This requires the declaration of a personal and prejudicial interest in any matter before an OS Committee which relates to a decision of or action by another Committee or Sub Committee of the Council, a Joint Committee or Joint Sub Committee in which the Council is involved and of which the Councillor is also a member.

Paragraph 11 does not refer to Cabinet decisions or attendance at an OS meeting purely for the purpose of answering questions or providing information on such a matter.

4. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider the notes of the last meeting of the Panel and any matter arising therefrom. (attached)

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 9 - 10)

(Chairman/Lead Officer) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed the Terms of Reference of this Panel. This is attached. The Panel are asked at each meeting to review this document.

6. EMPTY PROPERTIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR (Pages 11 - 36)

To consider the attached report.

7. HOUSING ALLOCATIONS SCHEME (Pages 37 - 50)

To consider the attached report. The Allocations Scheme document has been sent to members of the Panel separately.

8. CHOICE BASED LETTINGS (Pages 51 - 76)

To consider the attached report

9. INTRODUCTORY TENANTS SCHEME (Pages 77 - 82)

To consider the attached report

10. HOUSING SERVICES STRATEGY ON TENANT PARTICIPATION (Pages 83 - 90)

To consider the attached report and strategy.

11. BEST VALUE SERVICE REVIEW OF HOUSING SERVICES - SIX-MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT ON SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (Pages 91 - 116)

To consider the attached report and Development Plan.

12. HOUSING STRATEGY ACTION PLAN - SIX MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 117 - 134)

To consider the attached report.

13. WORK PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 135 - 138)

14. REPORTS TO BE MADE TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

To consider which reports are ready to be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its next meeting.

15. FUTURE MEETINGS

To consider the forward programme of meeting dates for the Panel.