

## Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



### ***Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Wednesday, 7th December, 2005***

**Place:** Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Epping

**Time:** 5.00 pm

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**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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. 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.

**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 - 15 SEPTEMBER 2005 (Pages 5 - 8)**

Attached.

**5. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 9 - 14)**

(Chairman/Lead Officer) To consider the attached report.

**6. REFFERALS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (Pages 15 - 18)**

(Head of Housing Services). To consider the attached report.

**7. EMPTY PROPERTIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR - CURRENT POSITION ON DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGY**

A report entitled 'Empty Properties in the Private Sector' was presented to the Panel on 15 September 2005. It was anticipated that a follow up paper, with regard to the development of the strategy, would be available for discussion for the meeting of 7 December 2005. However, this has not been possible.

A further Panel meeting is to be arranged towards the end of January 2006 in order to discuss this item. At this time Environmental Services would hope to be in a position to feed back on the partnership bid made to the Regional Housing Pot and the findings, with regard to empty properties, from the House Condition Survey.

**8. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2005 (KEY ACTION PLAN) - SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 19 - 30)**

(Head of Housing Services). To consider the attached report.

**9. WITNESS PROTECTION MOBILITY SCHEME (Pages 31 - 32)**

(Head of Housing Services). To consider the attached report

**10. JOINT CHOICE BASED LETTINGS SCHEME - ORAL UPDATE (Pages 33 - 42)**

(Head of Housing Services). To consider the attached report.

**11. EPPING FOREST LOCAL SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY 2005 - 6 MONTH PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 43 - 60)**

(Head of Housing Services). To consider the attached report.

**12. 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.

**13. FUTURE MEETINGS**

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