

## Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



### **Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Friday, 3rd March, 2006**

**Place:** Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Epping

**Time:** 2.00 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

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<p><b>PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND</b></p>
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**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 LAST MEETING - 30 JANUARY 2006 (Pages 3 - 6)**

Attached.

**5. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 7 - 12)**

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

**6. HOUSING SERVICE STRATEGIES - HOUSING ALLOCATIONS AND HOUSING ADVICE (Pages 13 - 38)**

To consider the attached strategies on Allocations and Advice (attached) and provide comments to the Head of Housing Services before they are presented to the Housing Portfolio Holder for formal consideration.

**7. EPPING FOREST LOCAL SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY - 2006-2010 (Pages 39 - 40)**

To consider the Local Supporting Strategy 2006-2010 report (circulated separately) and to provide comments to the Head of Housing Services before they are presented to the Housing Portfolio Holder for formal consideration and endorsement.

**8. INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE DISTRICT. (Pages 41 - 66)**

To consider the options outlined in the attached report.

**9. CHOICE BASED LETTINGS (Pages 67 - 82)**

The Panel to note the progress made on the implementation of the Choice Based Lettings Scheme for all the Council's vacant social rented properties.

**10. 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.

**11. FUTURE MEETINGS**

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