

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Tuesday, 30th January, 2007

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 5.30 pm

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Members:

Councillors S Murray (Chairman), Mrs R Gadsby (Vice-Chairman), K Angold-Stephens, D Bateman, Mrs P Brooks, Mrs D Borton, Mrs H Harding, Mrs J Lea, G Mohindra, Mrs P Richardson, Mrs J H Whitehouse and J Wyatt

Epping Forest Tenants & Leaseholders Federation: Mrs M Carter

<p>PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND</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. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2006 (Pages 5 - 8)

Attached.

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

(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. VERBAL UPDATE ON CHOICE BASED LETTINGS

(Head of Housing Services) To receive a verbal update from the Assistant Head of Housing on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

7. HOUSEMARK BENCHMARKING REPORT ON EFDC HOUSING SERVICE - 2005/06 (Pages 15 - 16)

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

8. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSSINESS PLAN 2006/07 (KEY ACTION PLAN) - PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 17 - 26)

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

9. REPORT ON THE TRI-ANNUAL TENANT SATISIFCATION SURVEY 2006 (Pages 27 - 28)

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

10. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING STRATEGY - HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY 2006 (Pages 29 - 48)

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

11. RECOVERY OF ARREARS FROM LEASEHOLDERS (Pages 49 - 72)

(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.