

## Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



### ***Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 25th October, 2007***

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

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Democratic Services Officer:** Adrian Hendry, Research and Democratic Services  
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**Members:**

Councillors S Murray (Chairman), Mrs R Gadsby (Vice-Chairman), K Angold-Stephens, Mrs P Brooks, K Chana, Mrs H Harding, Mrs J Lea, Mrs P Richardson, Mrs P K Rush, Mrs L Wagland and J Wyatt

**Epping Forest Tenants & Leaseholders Federation:** Mrs M Carter

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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. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING - 30 APRIL 2007 (Pages 5 - 10)**

To note the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 April 2007.

**5. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 16)**

(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. PRESENTATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ACTION PLANS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING AND EMPTY PROPERTY STRATEGIES**

Panel to receive a presentation by officers.

**7. HOUSING SERVICES STRATEGY ON RENT ARREARS (Pages 17 - 30)**

(Director of Housing) to consider the attached report.

**8. HOUSING SERVICES STRATEGY ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (Pages 31 - 50)**

(Director of Housing) to consider the attached report.

**9. HOUSING SERVICES STRATEGY ON ENERGY EFFICENCY (Pages 51 - 70)**

(Director of Housing) to consider the attached report.

**10. HOUSING STRATAGIES ON TENANT PARTICIPATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION (Pages 71 - 96)**

(Director of Housing) to consider the attached reports.

**11. HOUSING SERVICE STANDARDS 2007/08 (Pages 97 - 102)**

(Director of Housing) to consider the attached reports. Appendices to follow.

**12. REVIEW OF THE ALLOCATIONS SCHEME (Pages 103 - 128)**

(Director of Housing) to consider the attached report.

**13. UPDATE ON THE CHOICE BASED LETTING SCHEME**

To receive a verbal update on the Choice Based Letting Scheme.

**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. Next scheduled meetings dates are:

22 January 2007, and  
21 April 2007.