

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Monday, 23rd March, 2009

Place: Committee Rooms 1 and 2, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 5.30 pm

Democratic Services Officer: M Jenkins - The Office of the Chief Executive 01992 56 4607

Members:

Councillors S Murray (Chairman), Mrs R Gadsby (Vice-Chairman), D Bateman, Mrs R Brookes, J Collier, K Chana, D Dodeja, Mrs J Lea, Mrs P Richardson, Mrs L Wagland, Mrs J H Whitehouse and J Wyatt

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)

(Assistant to the Chief Executive) To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

3. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 5 - 10)

To agree the notes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 8 January 2009 (attached).

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

(Assistant to the Chief Executive). 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.

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. HOUSING STRATEGY CONFERENCE 2009 - FEEDBACK FROM SCRUTINY PANEL REPRESENTATIVES (Pages 17 - 18)

To receive feedback from Members who had attended the one-day Housing Strategy Conference.

7. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2008-09 (KEY ACTION PLAN) - PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 19 - 28)

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

8. HRA BUSINESS PLAN 2009/10 (Pages 29 - 152)

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

9. CHANGES TO THE REVENUE AND CAPITAL RULES FOR NEW COUNCIL HOUSING (Pages 153 - 172)

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

10. HOUSEMARK BENCHMARKING REPORT ON EFDC HOUSING SERVICES 2007-08 (Pages 173 - 174)

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

11. HOUSING SERVICE STRATEGIES ON UNDER-OCCUPATION, OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES AND HOUSING MANAGEMENT (Pages 175 - 210)

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

12. PARKING ENFORCEMENT ON HOUSING ESTATES (Pages 211 - 216)

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

13. TENANT PARTICIPATION PROGRESS 2008 (Pages 217 - 222)

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

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

The next programmed meeting of the Panel will be on Thursday 30 July 2009.