

## Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



### **Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 21st January, 2010**

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

**Time:** 7.00 pm

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#### **Members:**

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

#### **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. 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.

#### **4. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 3 - 8)**

To agree the notes of the Panel held on 15 December 2009.

**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. PRESENTATION ON THE TSA'S DRAFT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK & SHORT NOTICE INSPECTIONS**

(Director of Housing) The following item on the agenda is a report on the proposed Council response to the Tenant Services Authority's consultation on its draft Regulatory Framework.

Prior to consideration of this item, the Director of Housing and the Assistant Director of Housing (Operations) will give a Powerpoint presentation on the following related issues:

- (a) The TSA's Regulatory Framework;
- (b) The Housing Directorate's Continuous Improvement Plan;
- (c) Audit Commission's Approach to "Short Notice Inspections;" and
- (d) Preparing for a Short Notice Inspection

**7. THE TENANT SERVICES AUTHORITY'S NEW DRAFT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR SOCIAL HOUSING IN ENGLAND (Pages 15 - 38)**

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

**8. REVIEW OF THE HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY (Pages 39 - 46)**

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

**9. 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.

**10. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next programmed meeting of the Panel is on Thursday 25 March 2010 at 7.00p.m.