Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 25th March, 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. SUBSITUTE 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 5 - 10)

To agree the notes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 21 January 2010.

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. DEFERMENT OF THE REVIEW OF THE ALLOCATIONS SCHEME (Pages 17 - 20)

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

7. HOMELESSNESS PRESENTATION (Pages 21 - 22)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

8. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2009 - 10 SIX MONTH PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 23 - 32)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

9. HOUSEMARK BENCHMARKING REPORT ON VALUE FOR MONEY (Pages 33 - 36)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

10. HRA BUSINESS PLAN 2010-11 REPORT (Pages 37 - 156)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

11. HOMEOPTION CHOICE BASED LETTINGS SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 157 - 162)

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

12. OPTIONS FOR CROSS BOUNDARY ALLOCATIONS (Pages 163 - 166)

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

13. CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF THE SCOPE OF THE HOUSING APPEALS AND REVIEW PANEL (Pages 167 - 182)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

14. HOUSING STRATEGY 2009-2012: 6 MONTH PROGRESS REPORT ON KEY ACTION PLAN (Pages 183 - 196)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

15. DRAFT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK ACTION PLAN (Pages 197 - 208)

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

16. HOUSING DIRECTORATE'S SERVICE STRATEGY ON HARASSMENT (Pages 209 - 228)

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

17. TENANT PARTICIPATION PROGRESS 2009 (Pages 229 - 234)

(Mr R Jones – Tenant Participation Officer) To consider the attached report.

18. 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.

19. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next programmed meeting of the Panel will be held on Thursday 29 July 2010 at 5.30p.m. in Committee Room 1 and then on:

Thursday 28 October 2010 at 5.30p.m. in Committee Room 1; Thursday 27 January 2011 at 5.30p.m. in Committee Room 1; and Thursday 28 April 2011 at 5.30p.m. in Committee Room 1.