

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 29th July, 2010

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), R Barrett, D Dodeja, Mrs A Grigg, Ms J Hart, Ms J Hedges, Mrs S Jones, Mrs J Lea, L Leonard, A Lion and Mrs J H Whitehouse

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. 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 - 14)

To agree the notes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 25 March 2010.

5. PRESENTATION ON HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

The Panel will receive a presentation from Russell Wallace, Housing Options Manager, regarding Homelessness Prevention.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 15 - 20)

(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.

7. TENANT SATISFACTION - COMPARISONS WITH OTHER STOCK RETAINING COUNCILS (Pages 21 - 22)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

8. REVIEW OF THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS SCHEME (Pages 23 - 34)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

9. HOUSING SERVICE STANDARDS 2010, HOUSING CHARTER AND LOCAL OFFER TO TENANTS (Pages 35 - 78)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

10. HOUSING STRATEGY 2009-2012 (Pages 79 - 104)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

11. ETHNIC MONITORING (Pages 105 - 108)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

12. TENANT PARTICIPATION IMPACT STATEMENT (Pages 109 - 140)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

13. HOUSING DIRECTORATE'S SERVICE STRATEGY ON THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR (Pages 141 - 150)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

14. HOUSING CUSTOMER PERSPECTIVE PROGRAMME - FINAL ACTION PLAN AND PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 151 - 176)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

15. REVIEW OF HOUSING PERFORMANCE - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2009/10 (Pages 177 - 180)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

16. REVIEW OF PROPOSED LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR PARK HOMES

On 12 July 2010 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a call-in of the Cabinet's proposed licence conditions for park home sites. The Committee decided to refer the issue back to the Cabinet for further consideration and that the Panel should undertake a review of the proposals and objections received. Therefore arrangements have been made for a special meeting of the Panel to take place on Wednesday 8 September 2010 at 7.30p.m. in the Council Chamber. It is intended for the meeting to be webcast.

17. 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.

18. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next programmed meeting of the Panel will be on Thursday 28 October 2010 at 5.30p.m. in Committee Room 1 and then on the following dates:

Thursday 27 January 2011; and
Thursday 28 April 2011

Officers have requested that the date of the Panel's meeting in April 2011 be brought forward to March. The Panel will need to consider the HRA Business Plan before it can be signed off at the end of March 2011. The suggested date for Members' consideration is Thursday 24 March 2011 at 5.30p.m. in Committee Room 1.