

Scrutiny Standing Panel Agenda



Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel Thursday, 24th March, 2011

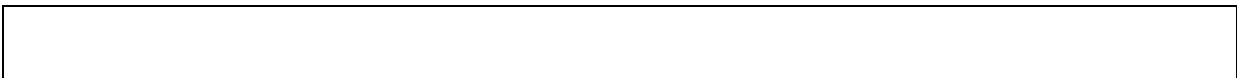
Place: Combined Committee Rooms 1 & 2 - Civic Offices

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



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 TWO MEETINGS (Pages 5 - 18)

To agree the notes from the last two Panel meetings held on 11 and 27 January 2011.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE/WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 19 - 26)

(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 KEY TERMS OF APPOINTMENT FOR THE PRIVATE REPAIRS MANAGEMENT CONTRACTOR

The Panel will receive a presentation from Mr P Pledger, Assistant Director of Housing (Property), concerning the progress made with the Repairs Refresh Programme, particularly the appointment of the Repairs Management Contractor.

The presentation will set out the progress made since the former Building Maintenance Works Unit joined the Housing Directorate in May 2008. This will include the restructure, relocation of the Repairs Team to the Epping Depot, improved response times as well as addressing some procurement risks in terms of use of sub-contractors and purchasing materials.

The presentation will also explain the innovative approach the Council is taking to remodel the Housing Repairs Service through "in-sourcing." This part of the presentation will explain the concept of appointing a Repairs Management Contractor to manage the Council's own repair's staff and assist the Council in making our Repairs Services more efficient and cost effective. There are many advantages that this approach brings with it, whilst also minimising a number of risks at the same time.

The presentation will be in Powerpoint, and copies of the slides will be made available at the end of the presentation.

7. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN KEY ACTION PLAN (2010/11) - TWELVE MONTH PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 27 - 40)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

8. HRA BUSINESS PLAN (Pages 41 - 164)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

9. HOUSING STRATEGY 2009 - 2012 SIX MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT ON KEY ACTION PLAN 2011/12 (Pages 165 - 180)

(Director of Housing) To consider the attached report.

10. 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.

11. FUTURE MEETINGS

The following dates of Panel meetings are on Tuesdays at 5.30p.m., they are as follows:

19 July 2011;
25 October;
31 January 2012; and
13 March