

Scrutiny Panel Agenda



Housing Scrutiny Panel Tuesday, 22nd July, 2014

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Housing Scrutiny Panel**, which will be held at:

**Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping
on Tuesday, 22nd July, 2014
at 5.30 pm .**

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Members:

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SUBSTITUTE NOMINATION DEADLINE:

16:30

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 Panel meeting held on 23 April 2014 (attached).

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 11 - 18)

(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. COMMUNITIES DIRECTORATE'S HOUSING SERVICE STRATEGY ON THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR (Pages 19 - 30)

(Director of Communities) To consider the attached report.

7. DCLG GUIDANCE ON RENTS FOR TENANTS ON HIGH INCOMES (Pages 31 - 36)

(Director of Communities) To consider the attached report and DCLG guidance excerpt.

8. HOUSING UNDER-OCCUPATION OFFICER POST - 1 YEAR REVIEW (Pages 37 - 40)

(Director of Communities) To consider the attached report.

9. HOUSING SERVICE STANDARDS - PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/14 AND REVIEW (Pages 41 - 74)

(Director of Communities) To consider the attached report and appendix.

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

To consider the forward programme of meeting dates for the Panel, these will be at 5.30p.m. in Committee Room 1 and are as follows:

- (a) Tuesday 21 October 2014;
- (b) Tuesday 20 January 2015; and
- (c) Tuesday 24 March

