

Scrutiny Panel Agenda



Housing Scrutiny Panel Tuesday, 21st October, 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, 21st October, 2014
at 5.30 pm .**

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Members:

Councillors S Murray (Chairman), Ms G Shiell (Vice-Chairman), K Chana, Mrs R Gadsby, Mrs S Jones, Mrs J Lea, C Roberts, B Rolfe, Mrs T Thomas, H Ulkun, Mrs J H Whitehouse and W Marshall (Tenants and Leaseholders Federation)

SUBSTITUTE NOMINATION DEADLINE:

16:30

- 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. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 3 - 10)

(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.

5. HOME OPTION CHOICE BASED LETTINGS SCHEME - PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 11 - 16)

(Director of Communities) To consider the attached progress report.

6. ANNUAL REVIEW OF PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS - HOUSING APPLICANTS AND LETTINGS (Pages 17 - 24)

(Director of Communities) To consider the attached report.

7. GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PAPER "RIGHT TO MOVE" (Pages 25 - 28)

(Director of Communities) To consider the attached report.

8. REVIEW OF THE HOUSING ALLOCATIONS SCHEME (Pages 29 - 48)

(Director of Communities) To consider the attached report.

9. REVIEW OF THE TENANCY POLICY (Pages 49 - 52)

(Director of Communities) To consider the attached report.

10. HOUSING SERVICE STRATEGY ON RENT ARREARS (Pages 53 - 70)

(Director of Communities) To consider the attached report.

11. 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.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next programmed meetings of the Panel will be in Committee Room 1 at 5.30p.m. on Tuesday 20 January 2015 and then on Tuesday 24 March.