Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting: 25th March 2010

Portfolio: Housing - Cllr D. Stallan

Subject: Presentation on Homelessness Prevention

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

- (1) That the Housing Scrutiny Panel receives a presentation from the Housing Options Manager at its next meeting, on "The Council's Approach to Homelessness Prevention", including initiatives on dealing with domestic violence; and
- (2) That other Members of Council be invited to the presentation.

Report:

- 1. Following a suggestion from Cllr. Mrs L. Wagland, the Housing Portfolio Holder has suggested that the Housing Scrutiny Panel may find it useful to receive a presentation on the approach the Housing Directorate takes in respect of dealing with cases involving domestic violence. It is suggested that this could be expanded to include the Directorate's overall approach to homelessness prevention, including the approach taken on domestic violence, and would be presented by Russell Wallace, Housing Options Manager. Other Members of Council could also be invited.
- 2. The Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider whether or not it would like to receive such a presentation at its next meeting, in July 2010.