

Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of Meeting: 25th March 2010

Portfolio: Housing – Cllr D. Stallan

Subject: Consultation on the Review of the Scope of the Housing Appeals and Review Panel

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Housing Scrutiny Panel considers the attached report and recommendations to the Constitution and Member Services Scrutiny Panel, and considers whether or not it wishes to pass on any comments on the report to the Constitution and Member Services Scrutiny Panel.

Report:

1. At its last meeting, on the invitation of the Chairman of the Housing Appeals and Review Panel, the Housing Scrutiny Panel considered whether or not it wished to be consulted on the report and recommendations of the Director of Housing to the Constitution and Member Services Scrutiny Panel, reviewing the scope of the Housing Appeals and Review Panel. The Housing Scrutiny Panel agreed that it would like to be consulted.

2. Accordingly, a copy of the Director of Housing's report is attached, and the Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider whether or not it wishes to pass any comments on the report to the Constitution and Member Services Scrutiny Panel. Any comments will be reported orally to the Scrutiny Panel, which is due to meet during the week following the Housing Scrutiny Panel meeting.

3. Members will note that all the members and substitute members of the Housing Appeals and Review Panel, and the Tenants and Leaseholders Federation, have been consulted on an earlier draft of the report. Their views are set out in the report, and the final version of the report has been amended in a number of ways to take account of the comments received.