

Report to the Housing Scrutiny Panel

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Portfolio: Housing – Cllr M. Heavens

**Subject: Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2005 (Key Action Plan)
– Six-Month Progress Report**

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Recommendations:

That the Panel considers the latest Six-month Progress Report for the Key Action Plan contained within the HRA Business Plan 2005 and provides any feedback to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Head of Housing Services accordingly.

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1. In March 2005, the Council's latest Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan (2005) was produced. This document sets out the Council's objectives, strategies and plans as landlord, in relation to the management and maintenance of its own housing stock.
2. An important section of the HRA Business Plan is the Key Action Plan. This sets out the proposed action the Council will take over the following 1-3 years. Having included the Key Action Plan within the Business Plan, it is essential that the progress made with the stated actions are monitored. In the past, progress reports have been presented to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee (1), six months after publication. However, this function has now been included within the Terms of Reference for the Housing Scrutiny Panel, under the Council's new scrutiny arrangements.
3. Now that six months has elapsed from the production of the HRA Business Plan, the latest progress report (as at 30 September 2005) is attached to this report.
4. The Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider the Progress Report and to feed back to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Head of Housing Services any comments it considers appropriate.
5. The HRA Business Plan will be revised and updated in March 2006, in order for it to be published prior to the commencement of the new financial year.