

# ***Report to the Housing Scrutiny Panel***

***Date of meeting: 31 October 2006***



**Subject: Housing Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2006/7**

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## **Recommendations:**

That the Progress Report on the Panel's Work Programme 2006/7, attached as an Appendix, be noted.

## **Report**

1. At its first meeting in July 2006, the Panel noted its Work Programme set by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
2. Attached as an Appendix is the current position with regard to each of the tasks assigned to the Panel, which includes additional tasks agreed by the Panel since July 2006.

**Housing Scrutiny Panel  
Work Programme 2006/7**

**PROGRESS REPORT**

Item	Priority	Original Report Deadline	Current Position
<b>WORK PROGRAMME</b>			
<b>Issues Within the Original Work Programme</b>			
(1) Annual Ethnic Monitoring Review of Housing Applicants	Medium	July 2006	<b>Completed</b> – At 27 July 2006 meeting.
(2) Updated draft Housing Strategy	High	July 2006	<b>Delayed</b> – Due to other commitments. It is hoped that the update draft Housing Strategy can be reported to the Panel in the near future
(3) Empty Property Strategy	High	July 2006	<b>Completed</b> – At 27 July 2006 meeting.
(4) Housing Service Strategy on the Private Rented Sector	Low	July 2006	<b>Delayed</b> – The Service Strategy has been drafted, but further work is required.
(5) Housing Service Strategy on Empty Council Properties	Low	July 2006	<b>To be considered at this meeting</b> – The Service Strategy is due to be considered at this meeting.
(6) Annual Review of the Housing Allocations Scheme	High	October 2006	<b>To be considered at this meeting</b> – Proposed amendments to the Allocations Scheme are due to be considered at this meeting.
(7) Six-monthly Progress Report on Local Supporting People Strategy Action Plan	Medium	October 2006	<b>To be considered at this meeting</b> – The Six-Month Progress Report is due to be considered at this meeting.
(8) Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy	High	October 2006	<b>Completed</b> – At 27 July 2006 meeting

(9) Six-monthly Progress Report on Housing Strategy Action Plan	Medium	January 2007	<b>Not yet required</b>
(10) Implementation of Choice Based Lettings	High	July 2007	<b>In progress</b> – The Panel considered the draft specification at its special meeting on 11 September 2006.
(11) Updated draft HRA Business Plan	High	April 2007	<b>Not yet required</b>
(12) Updated Local Supporting People Strategy Action Plan	High	April 2007	<b>Not yet required</b>
<b>Issues Added to the Work Programme During the Year</b>			
(13) Housing Service Strategy on Harassment	Medium	July 2006	<b>Completed</b> – At 27 July meeting.
(14) Housing Service Strategy on Diversity and Equality	Medium	September 2006	<b>To be considered at this meeting</b> – The Service Strategy is due to be considered at this meeting.
(15) Leaseholder Service Charges for Major Works and Improvements – Payment Arrangements	Medium	January 2007	<b>To be considered at the January 2007 meeting</b> – Report requested by the Chairman of the Housing Scrutiny Panel.