

Report to the Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 30 January 2007

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
WORK PROGRAMME			
Issues Within the Original Work Programme			
(1) Annual Ethnic Monitoring Review of Housing Applicants	Medium	July 2006	Completed – At 27 July 2006 meeting.
(2) Updated draft Housing Strategy	High	July 2006	No longer required – Report on letter from GO-East to be considered at this meeting.
(3) Empty Property Strategy	High	July 2006	Completed – At 27 July 2006 meeting.
(4) Housing Service Strategy on Empty Council Properties	Low	July 2006	Completed – At 31 October 2006 meeting.
(5) Annual Review of the Housing Allocations Scheme	High	October 2006	Completed – At 31 October 2006 meeting.
(6) Six-monthly Progress Report on Local Supporting People Strategy Action Plan	Medium	October 2006	Completed – At 31 October 2006 meeting.
(7) Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy	High	October 2006	Completed – At 27 July 2006 meeting

(8) Six-monthly Progress Report on Housing Strategy Action Plan	Medium	January 2007	No longer required for this year - Report on letter from GO-East to be considered at this meeting.
(9) Implementation of Choice Based Lettings	High	July 2007	In progress – The Panel considered the draft specification at its special meeting on 11 September 2006. Oral report to be given at this meeting
(10) Six-monthly Progress Report on Housing Business Plan Action Plan	Medium	January 2007	To be considered at this meeting – The Six-monthly Progress Report is due to be considered at this meeting.
(10) Updated draft HRA Business Plan	High	April 2007	Not yet required
(11) Updated Local Supporting People Strategy Action Plan	High	April 2007	Not yet required
Issues Added to the Work Programme During the Year			
(12) Housing Service Strategy on Harassment	Medium	July 2006	Completed – At 27 July meeting.
(13) Housing Service Strategy on Diversity and Equality	Medium	September 2006	Completed – At 31 October 2006 meeting.
(14) Leaseholder Service Charges for Major Works and Improvements – Payment Arrangements	Medium	January 2007	To be considered at this meeting – Report requested by the Chairman of the Housing Scrutiny Panel.
(15) Tenant Satisfaction Survey Results	Low	January 2007	To be considered at this meeting – The detailed results of the tri-annual Tenant Satisfaction Survey are due to be considered at this meeting.
(16) Housemark Benchmarking Report of Housing Services	Low	January 2007	To be considered at this meeting – The results of the first Housemark Benchmarking Report of Housing Services are due to be considered at this meeting.