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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Thursday 3 April 2014**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **St Aldate's Room, Town Hall**

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1 APOLOGIES

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2 WORK PROGRAMME AND REPORT BACK ON RECOMMENDATIONS

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Officer: Pat Jones Principal Scrutiny Officer will support the Panel with this debate.

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This item presents for discussion by The Panel the forward work programme and the results of recommendations made and updates from previous meetings of the Panel.

The Head of Housing has provided a brief update on the outcome of the County Council budget setting process with regard to the Adult Homeless Pathway.

3 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - OXFORD STANDARD SCOPE

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Officer: Pat Jones Principal Scrutiny Officer will support the Panel with this debate.

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Attached is a draft scope for this Partnership Review for setting an Oxford Standard for Council housing.

4 PARKS SATISFACTION LEVELS

Councillor Mark Lygo, Board Member for Park and Sport will attend the Panel meeting to discuss further the issues around the satisfaction levels with parks and what is being undertaken to increase these satisfaction levels.

5 HOUSING SERVICE IMPROVEMENT - PROPOSED PANEL VISIT

Following the results of the STAR Survey into housing satisfaction, the Panel agreed at a previous meeting that a visit to one of the benchmark authorities would be beneficial. Arrangements for this visit will be discussed further at this meeting.

6 RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

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Officer: Bill Graves, Landlord Services Manager will support the Panel with this debate.

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The Panel will receive an update on the delivery of the Resident Involvement Strategy objectives.

7 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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Notes of the meeting held on 7th March 2014.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Panel will hold a special meeting on Tuesday 29th April 2014 at 5.00pm to consider a report on the De-designation of Stock Programme.

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