

# Agenda

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## Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Thursday 22 January 2015**

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Time: **5.00 pm**

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Place: **Plowman Room - Town Hall**

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## Membership

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| Chair    | Councillor Sam Hollick    |
|          | Councillor Linda Smith    |
|          | Councillor Gill Sanders   |
|          | Councillor Elizabeth Wade |
| Co-optee | Linda Hill                |

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## AGENDA

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| <b>1 APOLOGIES</b>  |         |
| The Quorum for this Panel is three and substitutes are allowed.                           |         |
| <b>2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>   |         |
| <b>3 FUEL POVERTY</b>   | 5 - 10  |
| For the Panel to receive a briefing on the Council's approach to combatting Fuel Poverty. |         |
| <b>4 STAR SURVEY RESULTS</b>  | 11 - 28 |
| For the Panel to receive a briefing on the latest STAR survey results.                    |         |
| <b>5 WORK PROGRAMME</b>   | 29 - 30 |
| For the Housing Panel to review and note its work programme.                              |         |
| <b>6 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>  | 31 - 34 |
| To note the notes of the meeting held on 10 December 2014.                                |         |
| <b>7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>   |         |
| 4 February 2015<br>24 March 2015  |         |

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