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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Tuesday 24 March 2015**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Barrister's Room - Town Hall**

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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Membership

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

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1 APOLOGIES

The Quorum for this Panel is three and substitutes are not allowed.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 NON-STATUTORY HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

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Contact Officer: Shaibur Rahman, Rough Sleeping and Single Homelessness Manager;

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For the Panel to receive an update on the provision of non-statutory homelessness services.

4 VERBAL UPDATE ON THE JOINT COMMISSIONING OF HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES

Dave Scholes, Housing Needs Manager, will update the Panel on the joint commissioning of housing support services.

5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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Contact Officer (Planning): Laura Higgins, Team Leader for Spatial & Economic Development

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For the Panel to consider:

- a) Affordable Housing contributions in light of the amended national Planning Practice Guidance – report to Council
- b) Responses to Affordable Housing questions

6 WORK PROGRAMME

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For the Housing Panel to review and note its work programme.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Housing Panel meeting will be held on 4th June 2015.

DECLARING INTERESTS

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