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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Thursday 3 September 2015**

Time: **5.00 pm**

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

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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Membership

Chair	Councillor Linda Smith	
	Councillor Gill Sanders	
	Councillor Sam Hollick	
	Councillor Elizabeth Wade	
	Councillor Elise Benjamin	
	Councillor David Henwood	
	Geno Humphrey	Co-optee

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AGENDA

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1 APOLOGIES (5.00 PM)

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (5.01 PM)

3 PERFORMANCE MONITORING (HOUSING MEASURES) -
QUARTER 1 (5.02 PM)

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Contact Officer: Neil Lawrence, Performance Improvement Manager
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Background Information
<p>This report contains outcomes at the end of June 2015 (2015/16 quarter 1) for a set of housing performance indicators grouped according to three themes previously chosen by the Panel:</p> <p>Estate regeneration, Housing supply, Welfare reform and the housing crisis.</p>
Why is it on the agenda?
<p>The Housing Panel is responsible for monitoring Council performance against housing targets.</p> <p>The Panel is asked to note this report and may wish to ask questions or request further information.</p>
Who has been invited to comment?
<p>No officers have been invited specifically for this item but the Scrutiny Officer will follow up on any requests after the meeting, if required.</p>

4 MID-POINT REVIEW OF THE HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2013-18 (5.10 PM)

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Contact Officer: Frances Evans, Housing Strategy & Performance Manager
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Background Information
This report has been provided for scrutiny. It is not going to the City Executive Board for decision.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Panel to consider the findings of an internal review of the Council's homelessness strategy and action plan for 2013-18. The Panel may wish to propose one or more recommendations to be put to City Executive Board, with the agreement of the Scrutiny Committee.
Who has been invited to comment?
Frances Evans, Housing Strategy and Performance Manager.

5 HOMELESSNESS PROPERTY INVESTMENT (5.40 PM)

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Contact Officer: Dave Scholes, Housing Needs Manager Tel: 01865 252636
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Background Information
The special City Executive Board on 30 July 2015 agreed to the six officer recommendations set out in this report. Council on 23 September 2015 will be asked to approve changes to the Council's budget, as per officer recommendations 5 and 6.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Housing Panel to scrutinise the Homelessness Property Investment decision. The Housing Panel may wish to propose one or more recommendations to put to full Council on 23 September, with the agreement of the Scrutiny Committee on 7 September.
Who has been invited to comment?
Dave Scholes, Housing Strategy and Needs Manager.

6 OXFORD GROWTH STRATEGY (6.10 PM)

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Contact Officer: Matthew Bates, City Development Tel: 01865 252277
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Background Information
The City Executive Board on 10 September will be asked to note the contents of this report, in particular the potential need to identify additional resources of £310,000.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Housing Panel to pre-scrutinise the Oxford Growth Strategy decision. The Panel may wish to propose one or more recommendations to be put to the City Executive Board on 10 September, with the agreement of the Scrutiny Committee on 7 September.
Who has been invited to comment?
Councillor Alex Hollingsworth, Board Member for Planning, Transport and Regulatory Services, Matthew Bates, Principle Planning Officer.

7 HOUSING PANEL WORK PROGRAMME (6.40 PM)

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Contact Officer: Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer Tel: 01865 252230
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For the Panel to review and note its work programme for the 2015/16 municipal year.

8 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (6.44 PM)

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For the Panel to note the record of the meeting held on 4 June 2015.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING (6.45 PM)

8 October, 9 December and 9 March. All meetings start at 5pm.

Members are also asked to note the dates of two additional informal meetings: 26 October (5pm) and 7 January (5.30pm).

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