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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Thursday 8 October 2015**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Plowman Room - Town Hall**

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Membership

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

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

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Background Information
<p>The Housing Panel on 4 June pre-scrutinised a review of licensing of houses of multiple occupations (HMOs) and supported the extension of the HMO licensing scheme in its entirety for a further 5 years. The Panel made 2 recommendations which were both agreed by CEB.</p> <p>The Panel also agreed to review a proposed October report setting out the results of the statutory consultation and the proposed future of the licensing scheme.</p>
Why is it on the agenda?
<p>For the Panel to pre-scrutinise the report that sets out the results of the consultation exercise for Additional Licensing and sets out recommendations for the future of the scheme.</p> <p>The Panel may wish to make one or more recommendations to CEB on 15 October.</p>
Who has been invited to comment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ian Wright, Service Manager, Environmental Health - Adrian Chownes, Team Leader, HMO Enforcement Team

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Background Information
<p>The City Executive Board (CEB) on 15 October will be asked to consider the proposals, and to delegate authority to enter into legal arrangements, for a solar panel installation programme for council properties funded through a community-benefit model.</p>
Why is it on the agenda?

The Chair of the Housing Panel requested that this report comes to the Housing Panel for pre-decision scrutiny.

The Panel may wish to make one or more recommendations to CEB on 15 October.

Who has been invited to comment?

Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing and Property

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