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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Thursday 10 December 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

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1 APOLOGIES

Substitutes are not allowed.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 HOUSING PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2015/16 QUARTER 2

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Background Information
This report contains outcomes at the end of September 2015 (2015/16 quarter 2) for a set of housing performance indicators previously selected by the Panel.
Why is it on the agenda?
The Housing Panel has a role in monitoring Council performance against housing targets. The Panel may wish to ask questions or request additional information.
Who has been invited to comment?
Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing and Property, has been invited to answer the Panel's questions.

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4 RENTS PERFORMANCE

Background information
The Panel has agreed to monitor the Council's rents performance and requested a report to update members on current and former tenant arrears.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Panel to monitor and scrutinise rents performance.
Who has been invited to comment?
The following people have been invited to present the report and answer the Panel's questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Councillor Susan Brown, Board Member for Customer and Corporate Services;- Tanya Bandekar, Revenue and Benefits Service Manager;- Damon Venning, Rents Team Manager.

5 CHOICE BASED LETTINGS UPDATE

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Background information
<p>The Housing Panel requested a report on Choice Based Lettings when agreeing its work programme for 2015/16. The Chair visited the Allocations Team in October and agreed that the scope of the report would cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Proposed changes to the CBL scheme- Data on bidding activity,- Data on non-bidders,- Information on refusal reasons.
Why is it on the agenda?
<p>For the Panel to receive an update on Choice Based Lettings and consider proposed changes to the scheme.</p>
Who has been invited to comment?
<p>Councillor Rowley, Board Member for Housing, and Tom Porter, Allocations Manager, have been invited to present the report and answer the Panel's questions.</p>

6 HOUSING PANEL WORK PROGRAMME

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For the Panel to note and agree its work programme.

7 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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For the Panel to note the record of its meeting on 8 October 2015.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Housing Panel members have been invited to the Budget Review meeting on 7 January to scrutinise the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and other budget proposals related to housing.

The next Housing Panel meeting is provisionally scheduled for 11 January at 5pm.

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