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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Monday 11 April 2016**

Time: **5.00 pm**

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

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Membership

Chair	Councillor Linda Smith
	Councillor Gill Sanders
	Councillor Elizabeth Wade
	Councillor Elise Benjamin
	Councillor David Henwood
	Geno Humphrey (co-optee)
	Councillor Michael Gotch

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Substitutes are not allowed.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Background Information
The Council's Tenant and Resident Involvement Strategy was adopted in 2012 and can be found in the 23 November 2012 City Executive Board paperwork (item 52) .
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Housing Panel and the Tenant Scrutiny Panel to consider how tenants are involved in decisions that affect them. The Housing Panel requested a report on tenant involvement including information about current activities, tenant feedback, successes, future plans and case study examples.
Who has been invited to comment?
Stephen Clarke – Head of Housing and Property Bill Graves – Head of Landlord Services Simon Warde – Tenant Involvement Manager Tenant Scrutiny Panel members

4 HOUSING PANEL WORK PROGRAMME

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This is the final Housing Panel meeting of the current Council year. In June the Scrutiny Committee will agree its standing panels and work plan priorities for 2016-17.

The Panel may wish to suggest additional items for inclusion on the 2016/17 scrutiny work plan. The Committee has asked for ideas by 20 May 2016 and a list of suggestions received to date is included for information.

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For the Panel to agree and note the record of the meeting held on 9 March 2016.

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meetings are provisionally scheduled as follows:

7 July 2016
5 October 2016
9 November 2016
1 March 2017
3 May 2017

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