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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Wednesday 1 March 2017**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Plowman Room - Town Hall**

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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Membership

Chair	Councillor David Henwood
	Councillor Angie Goff
	Councillor Jennifer Pegg
	Councillor Gill Sanders
	Councillor David Thomas
	Councillor Elizabeth Wade
	Geno Humphrey (Housing Panel co-optee)

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Background Information
The Housing Panel has a role in monitoring the performance of the council's housing services. Quarterly reports are provided to the Committee on a set of selected corporate and service indicators.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Panel to note and comment on performance at the end of 2016/17 quarter 3 (December 2016).
Who has been invited to comment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Mike Rowley, Board Member for Housing;• Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing and Property.

4 COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR HOUSING BENEFIT CLAIMANTS ACCESSING THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR (5.15 PM)

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Contact Officer: David Rundle, Private Rented Team Leader Tel: 01865 252398
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Background Information
The Panel requested a report on council support to help Housing Benefit claimants to access accommodation in the private rented sector.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Panel to note and comment on council support schemes to help people access accommodation in the private rented sector.
Who has been invited to comment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Mike Rowley, Board Member for Housing;• David Rundle, Private Rented Sector Team Leader.

5 SERVICES FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS (5.45 PM)

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Contact Officer: Ossi Mosley, Rough Sleeping & Single Homelessness Officer omosley@oxford.gov.uk

Background Information
The Panel requested a report on the council's approach to dealing with and supporting people who are sleeping rough in the city, including those with no recourse to public funds.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Panel to note and comment on how the council deals with and supports people sleeping rough.
Who has been invited to comment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cllr Mike Rowley, Board Member for Housing;• Ossi Mosley, Rough Sleeping & Single Homelessness Manager.

6 ALLOCATION OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION FUNDS (6.15 PM)

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Contact Officer: Ossi Mosley, Rough Sleeping & Single Homelessness Officer omosley@oxford.gov.uk

Background Information
The Panel asked for this item to be included on the agenda for pre-decision scrutiny.
Why is it on the agenda?
The City Executive Board on 9 March 2017 will be asked to approve the allocation of Homelessness Prevention funds for 2017/18 to commission homelessness services. This is an opportunity for the Housing Panel to make recommendations to the City Executive Board.
Who has been invited to comment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mike Rowley, Board Member for Planning;• Ossi Mosley, Rough Sleeping & Single Homelessness Manager.

7 REPORT FOR APPROVAL: UNIVERSITY HOUSING NEEDS

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Contact Officer: Andrew Brown, Scrutiny Officer Tel: 01865 252230 abrown2@oxford.gov.uk

For the Panel to approve the report on university housing needs for submission to the City Executive Board (via the Scrutiny Committee)

8 HOUSING PANEL WORK PLAN

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For the Panel to note and agree its work plan, which can be adjusted to reflect the wishes of the Panel.

The Scrutiny Officer will introduce the work plan and advise the Panel on any suggested changes to it.

9 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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For the Panel to agree and note the record of the meeting held on 9 November 2017.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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