









Title of Report [x1]: **APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING ADVISORY PANEL**



Report of [x2]: **Head of Legal and Democratic Services**

To [x3]: **City Executive Board**

Date [x4]: **11th June 2008**
[EM5]

Item No

	Purpose of report [x6]: To invite the Board to consider the re-appointment of Housing Advisory Panel
	decision [x7]: No
	Board Member [x8]: Councillor Turner (Finance, Housing and Strategic Planning) 
	Report Approved by : Legal – Jeremy Thomas Finance – Andy Collett
	Policy Framework [x9]: Not applicable
	Recommendation(s) [x10]: To re-appoint a Housing Advisory Panel with members  as set out in paragraph 5 of the report.

1. 
 Last year (minute 6, Executive Board, 14th May 2007) the Board appointed a Housing Advisory Panel. The purpose of the Panel last year was twofold. First, to advise officers and Board members with responsibility for housing. Second, to consult tenants and act as a liaison mechanism between tenants and the Board, members and officers. The Panel did not take decisions. It was an advisory/liaison body only.
2. Last year three members were appointed to the Panel on a proportionate basis (one Liberal Democrat, one Labour and one Green member). The Board member for Housing was an ex officio member. The Panel also consisted of the tenants serving on the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Involvement Monitoring Panel.
3. The Panel last year met each month at the Tenants' Resource Centre in Horspath Road.
4. The Board is being recommended today to consider the re-appointment of the Housing Advisory Panel, its scope and purpose,

and to appoint members to it. Administration members have suggested that the responsibilities of the Panel are as follows:-

- (a) To act as a liaison mechanism between tenants and the Board, the Board member responsible for housing, and members of Council and officers generally.
 - (b) To advise the Board and the Board member responsible for housing on matters within the scope of Oxford City Homes service areas.
5. The Administration has proposed that the Panel should be politically balanced with four members serving on it. In addition to Councillor Turner (Board member for housing policy) as an ex officio member, Councillor Smith is the Labour Group nomination. The Liberal Democrat Group has nominated Councillor Murray. The Green Group has been invited to nominate.

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