

# Agenda

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## Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Monday 1 February 2016**

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Time: **5.00 pm**

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Place: **Plowman Room - Town Hall**

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## Membership

<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Linda Smith
	Councillor Gill Sanders
	Councillor Sam Hollick
	Councillor Elizabeth Wade
	Councillor Elise Benjamin
	Councillor David Henwood
	Geno Humphrey (co-optee)

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# AGENDA

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## 1 APOLOGIES

Substitutes are not allowed.

## 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

## 3 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING POLICY

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Background information
The City Executive Board on 11 February 2016 will be asked to approve the draft Private Sector Housing Policy 2016 – 2019 for public consultation.
Why is it on the agenda?
<p>The Panel has asked for this item to be included on the agenda for pre-decision scrutiny. This is an opportunity for the Panel to make recommendations to the City Executive Board.</p> <p>The Panel is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) Note the content of the report;</li><li>ii) Make any recommendations it sees fit;</li><li>iii) Consider when it may wish to receive any future update on the Private Sector Housing Policy (e.g. post-consultation).</li></ul>
Who has been invited to comment?
Councillor Bob Price, Leader and Board Member for Regulation and Licensing of Private Rented Sector Ian Wright, Environmental Health Service Manager Michael Browning, Private Sector Safety Team Leader

## 4 EXTERNALLY LEASED HRA PROPERTIES - RENT SETTING

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Background information
The City Executive Board on 11 February 2016 will be asked to agree rent setting as set out in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of this report.

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Who has been invited to comment?
<p>Councillor Mike Rowley, Board Member for Housing  Dave Scholes, Housing Strategy and Needs Manager</p>

**5 UPDATE ON THE REVIEW OF OLDER PERSONS ACCOMMODATION /REVIEW OF SHELTERED HOUSING**

Background information
<p>The Panel considered a report on the Review of Older Persons Accommodation / Review of Sheltered Housing in December 2014 and made 6 recommendations, which were all accepted.</p> <p>A City Executive Board (CEB) decision on the Review of Older Persons Accommodation / Review of Sheltered Housing is now expected to be taken in March 2016.</p>
Why is it on the agenda?
<p>For the Panel to receive a presentation on the Review of Older Persons Accommodation / Review of Sheltered Housing. The recommendations of this review, which will inform the CEB decision, will be set out and explained in the presentation.</p> <p>The Panel is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Note the content of the presentation;</li> <li>ii) Make any recommendations or suggestions that it sees fit to;</li> <li>iii) Consider whether to pre-scrutinise the CEB report in March.</li> </ul>
Who has been invited to comment?
<p>Councillor Mike Rowley, Board Member for Housing  Dave Scholes, Housing Strategy and Needs Manager</p>

**6 HOUSING PANEL WORK PROGRAMME**

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The Panel is recommended to:

- i) Note and agree its work programme;
- ii) Agree to schedule a joint session with the Tenants Scrutiny Panel on 11 April 2016 to consider a report on Tenant Involvement, as well as any items scheduled for March that slip to April;
- iii) Note and comment on the provisional Housing Panel meeting dates for 2016/17.

**7 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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For the Panel to note the record of its meeting on 10 December 2015.

**8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9 March 2016, 5pm

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**10 EXTERNALLY LEASED HRA PROPERTIES - RENT SETTING - CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX**

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