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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Date: **Thursday 27 July 2017**

Time: **5.00 pm**

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

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Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

Membership

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

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AGENDA

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1 APOLOGIES

Substitutes are not allowed.

2 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2017/18 COUNCIL YEAR

The Panel is asked to elect a chair for the 2017/18 Council year.

The chair must be a member of the Scrutiny Committee and can be from any political group.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4 FIRE SAFETY IN TOWER BLOCKS

Background Information
Members requested a submission from officers on fire safety in the Council's tower blocks in light of the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower in London. Members have also asked to hear the views of individual tower block residents.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Panel to receive a verbal update on the Council's response to the Grenfell disaster and hear the views of tower block residents.
Who has been invited to comment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Councillor Mike Rowley, Board Member for Housing;• Caroline Green, Assistant Chief Executive;• Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services;• Martin Shaw, Property Services Manager.

5 TENANT SCRUTINY PANEL TOWER PROJECT UPDATE

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Background Information
The Tenant Scrutiny Panel (TSP) has undertaken a review of the tower block refurbishment project and the Housing Panel has asked to be kept informed of progress.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Panel to receive a briefing on the outcomes of the TSP review and the Council's response.
Who has been invited to comment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geno Humphrey, Chair of Tenant Scrutiny Panel;• Councillor Mike Rowley, Board Member for Housing;• Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services.

6 HOUSING PERFORMANCE - QUARTER 4

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Background Information
The Housing Panel has a role in monitoring Council performance against housing targets. This report contains outcomes at the end of 2016/17 quarter 4 (March 2017) for a set of housing performance indicators. The Panel has also asked to monitor the numbers of households and children living in temporary accommodation, and this information is also included.
Why is it on the agenda?
For the Panel to note and comment on housing performance at the end of 2016/17 quarter 4 and the numbers of families and children in temporary accommodation.
Who has been invited to comment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stephen Clarke, Head of Housing Services.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE - UNIVERSITY HOUSING NEEDS

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In April 2017 the Panel submitted a report to the City Executive Board about university housing needs to inform the Local Plan Preferred Options. The Board Member for Planning and Regulatory Services offered to provide a detailed written response to the Panel's recommendations once the Local Plan Preferred Options had been published

The Panel is asked to note and comment on the Board Member's responses.

8 HOUSING PANEL WORK PROGRAMME

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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.

9 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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For the Panel to note and approve the record of the meeting held on 26 April 2017.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

5 September 2017
12 October 2017
13 November 2017
8 March 2018
9 April 2018

All meetings begin at 5.00pm.

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