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Companies Scrutiny Panel

Date: **Wednesday 12 December 2018**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **St Aldate's Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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To note the dates of future meetings:

3 January 2019 – Cancelled due to Shareholder meeting change

6 March 2018 (new date)

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE - MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

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5 THE FUTURE STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF OXFORD CITY HOUSING LIMITED (OCHL)

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To consider a report which has been submitted to the Housing Group Shareholder detailing implemented changes to Government housing policy and potential outcomes of recent Government consultations that could impact on OCHL's operating environment and strategic purpose.

The report will be considered by the Housing Group Shareholder on 17 December 2018.

Recommendation:

The Companies Scrutiny Panel is invited to consider the report and make any comments or recommendations as appropriate to the Housing Group Shareholder.

6 OCHL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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To consider a report which has been submitted to the Housing Group Shareholder detailing the progress made by the Housing Group on the delivery of the housing development projects.

The report will be considered by the Housing Group Shareholder on 17 December 2018.

Recommendation:

The Companies Scrutiny Panel is invited to consider the report and make any comments or recommendations as appropriate to the Housing Group Shareholder.

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