

# Agenda

## Housing and Homelessness Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

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This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Thursday 8 October 2020**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Zoom - Remote meeting**

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## **Committee Membership**

Councillors: Membership 6: Quorum 3: substitutes are not permitted.

Councillor Nadine Bely-Summers  
(Chair)

Councillor Shaista Aziz (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Michael Gotch

Councillor Sian Taylor

Councillor Elizabeth Wade

Councillor Dick Wolff

Tony Buchanan

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<b>1 Apologies</b> Substitutes are not allowed.	
<b>2 Declarations of interest</b>	
<b>3 Housing Panel Work Plan</b> For the Panel to note and agree its work plan, which can be adjusted to reflect the wishes of the Panel.	9 - 12
<b>4 Notes of previous meeting</b> For the Panel to approve the record of the meeting held on 03 September 2020.	13 - 20
<b>5 Oxford City Council's response to the Planning for the Future White Paper August 2020</b> The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government issued the Planning for the Future White Paper on 6th August 2020 seeking views on a package of proposals for reform of the planning system in England. The Council's response is scheduled to go to the Cabinet meeting of 14 October 2020. The Panel is asked to consider the response and make any recommendations to Cabinet as required. Amanda Ford, Planning Policy Team Leader, will be available to present the report and answer questions. Councillor Alex Hollingsworth, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Delivery, has been invited to present also. <b>NB The report for this item will be issued as a supplement.</b>	
<b>6 Housing Performance Q2</b> For the Panel to consider the Housing Performance Q2 update report, and to make any recommendations to Cabinet accordingly. Richard Wood, Strategy and Service Development Manager, will be	21 - 26

available to present the report and answer any questions.

## **7 Date of next meeting**

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- 05 November 2020
- 01 February 2021

The Panel is also asked to note that members are invited to participate in the Housing element of the Budget Review in Jan 2021 (precise date TBC)

All meetings begin at 6.00pm.

## **8 Confidential Session**

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## **9 Domestic Arrears during Covid**

At its previous meeting, the Panel heard an update on the Council's position regarding the management of Covid-related domestic rent arrears. It was agreed that the topic required more time to consider fully. The Panel is therefore provided with a further opportunity to consider the issues, raise questions and make any recommendations to Cabinet as necessary.

Tanya Bandekar, Revenue and Benefits Service Manager, and Phil McGaskill, Revenues Manager will be available at the meeting to present the report and answer any questions.

**NB The report for this item is restricted.**

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