

Agenda

Housing and Homelessness Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee)

This meeting will be held on:

Date: **Thursday 2 March 2023**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Zoom - Remote meeting**

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Committee Membership

Councillor Paula Dunne (Chair)

Councillor Lizzy Diggins

Councillor Laurence Fouweather

Councillor Jabu Nala-Hartley

Councillor Rosie Rawle

Councillor Jo Sandelson

Jerry Assongu

Anthony Church

Gill Taylor

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	Pages
1 Apologies	
2 Declarations of interest	
3 Housing and Homelessness Work Plan	7 - 8
<p>The Panel is asked to note the work plan and to agree any amendments.</p>	
4 Notes of previous meeting	9 - 14
<p>The Panel is asked to agree the notes of the meeting held on 06 October 2022 and of 30 November 2022 as an accurate record, having made any necessary amendments.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on 05 December 2022, resolved to appoint Jerry Assongu, Anthony Church, and Gill Taylor as co-opted members of the Housing and Homelessness Panel.</p>	
5 Update on the development of a Tenants Forum	15 - 16
<p>The Head of Regulatory Services and Community Safety has submitted a report updating the Panel on the development of a Tenants Forum which arose as an action from the Council motion on DSS Discrimination on 26 July 2021.</p> <p>The Panel is asked to consider the report and is recommended to note and comment on the current position with regard to the development of a Tenants Forum, taking account of any updates that may be provided at the Panel.</p>	
6 Damp and mould in Council owned and managed accommodation	17 - 22
<p>The Panel requested information about mould in Council owned and managed accommodation. The Executive Director of Communities and People has submitted a report.</p> <p>The Panel is recommended to note and comment on the report and, following discussion, to make any recommendations it considers</p>	

appropriate.

7 Housing Performance Report Q2

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The Head of Housing Services has submitted a Housing Performance Report.

The Panel is asked to consider and comment on the report and to agree any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet.

8 Housing, Homelessness, and Rough Sleeping Strategy

The Cabinet will, at its meeting on 15 March 2023, consider a report on the Housing, Homelessness, and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

The Panel is asked to consider the report and to agree any recommendations it wishes to make to Cabinet.

Report to follow.

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