



FAREHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

CIVIC OFFICES CIVIC WAY FAREHAM HAMPSHIRE

Agenda Housing Overview Panel

Date: 22 May 2003

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: The Collingwood Room, Civic Offices, Fareham

Members: Councillor M F Godrich (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs M R Nadolski (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Mrs M E Ellerton
Miss C S Hester
D J Norris
D C S Swanbrow
Mrs K K Trott
Co-opted Member M A Prior

Deputies: Mrs D R Harrison
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1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 13 March 2003, subject to the amendment of minute 12(e) to read “.....and a presentation to members from partner organisations at a future Panel meeting.” (attached – [ho-030313-m](#)).

3. Chairman’s Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council’s Code of Conduct.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. Appointments for 2003/2004

* To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on appointments to be made for 2003/04 (attached – [ho-030522-r04-cbe](#)).

7. Private Sector Housing Strategy

* To consider a report by the Chief Health and Regulatory Services Officer on the Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy that it is proposed to adopt as a requirement of The Regulatory Reforms (Housing Assistance) (England & Wales) Order 2002 (attached – [ho-030522-r05-vth](#)).

8. Housing Strategy and Business Plan

The Government Office for the South-East recently wrote to the council advising that there is no requirement to submit a housing strategy and HRA Business Plan in July this year – the timing of submission of revised strategies will in future be a matter for agreement between GOSE and the Council. A meeting has been arranged with GOSE for 30 June 2003 to discuss how the Council may improve its housing strategy to meet the Government’s “fit for purpose” assessment criteria and to agree a timetable for its submission.

Members may recall that five Topic Groups were established to examine specific themes and prepare draft action plans to be considered during the process of preparing a new strategy. These Topic Groups have completed their task and the facilitators are currently finalising their action plans. These action plans will form the basis of wider consultation with residents, tenants, stakeholders and members at the Housing Strategy Consultation day planned for 6 June. Officers will report these action plans, the results of the Housing Strategy Consultation day and the agreed timetable for submission of a new strategy to GOSE to a future meeting of the Housing Overview Panel.

9. Abolition of Local Authority Social Housing Grant

- * To consider a report by the Director of Housing on reforms to local authority housing finance (attached – [ho-030522-r02-mge](#)).

10. Housing Bill – Consultation on Draft Legislation

- * To consider a report by the Director of Housing on a draft housing bill for consultation published by the Government on 31 March 2003 (attached – [ho-030522-r03-ata](#)).

11. Housing Allocation Scheme Working Party

- * To consider a report by the Director of Housing on the Housing Allocation Scheme Working Party (attached – [ho-030522-r07-ata](#)).

12. Homelessness Strategy

- * To consider a report by the Director of Housing on a draft homelessness strategy (attached – [ho-030522-r09-ata](#)).

13. Review of Affordable Housing Programme

- * To consider a report by the Director of Housing on a review of affordable housing (attached – [ho-030522-r10-mst](#)).

14. Performance Monitoring Information

- * To consider a report by the Director of Housing containing the information relating to performance monitoring requested by the Panel (attached – [ho-030522-r08-scl](#)).

15. Work Programme

- * To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the Work Programme for 2003/04 (attached – [ho-030522-r06-cbe](#)).

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