

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Housing Policy Development and Review Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 18 January 2018

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor F Birkett (Chairman)

Councillor B Bayford (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs M Brady, Mrs C L A Hockley, Ms S Pankhurst,
D L Steadman and J S Forrest (deputising for Mrs K K Trott)

Also Present: Councillor Mrs K Mandry, Executive Member for Housing (for Item 7)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs K K Trott.

2. MINUTES

The Head of Housing and Benefits provided an update on the action being taken in respect of item 6 of the previous minutes. Members were advised that a further update would be brought to the Panel in due course.

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Housing Policy Development and Review Panel meeting held on 16 November 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

An update was given to Members in respect of a recent fire at a Council owned property at Minden House in South Fareham.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. REVIEW OF FARELETS

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Fareham Housing which gave an update on the Farelets Scheme. The Panel also received a presentation which provided Members with an overview of recent case studies that demonstrate how the Farelets scheme has provided many homeless customers with successful housing outcomes.

It was AGREED that the Panel note the progress of the Farelets scheme to date.

Members extended their thanks for a very interesting and informative report and presentation.

7. COUNCIL HOUSING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Fareham Housing which outlined the Council Housing Repairs and Maintenance service delivered to residents during the third quarter of 2017/18.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs K Mandry, Executive Member for Housing, addressed the Panel on this item.

The Planned Maintenance Manager reported that the one outstanding case where the Landlord Gas Safety Record has expired within the last 6-12 months has now been resolved.

Members commended the team on the significant improvement that has been made in respect of gas heating appliance inspections.

It was AGREED that the Panel notes the information contained in the report.

8. REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Fareham Housing which provides a preliminary review of the Work Programme for 2017/18 and presents a draft Work Programme for 2018/19.

Members were invited to put forward suggested items for inclusion in the 2018/19 Work Programme. Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley requested an item outlining the current Housing Association position.

It was AGREED that the 2017/18 Work Programme, attached as Appendix A to the report, be approved.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.00 pm).