

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Housing Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Thursday, 5 November 2020

**Venue:** Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** S Dugan (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** G Fazackarley, Mrs C Heneghan, Mrs C L A Hockley,  
Ms S Pankhurst, Mrs K K Trott and Mrs L E Clubley

**Also  
Present:**



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 10 March 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**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 given at this meeting.

**6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

**(1) Approval for disabled adaptation works at 46 Lincoln Close**

There were no comments or questions raised for clarification.

**(2) Fareham Housing Disposals and Re-developments at 28 Queens Road and 15 & 17 Crossfell Walk**

There were no comments or questions raised for clarification.

**(3) Nitrate Credits for Fareham Housing Schemes**

There were no comments or questions raised for clarification.

**(4) Stubbington Lane Development Site, Hill Head**

There were no comments or questions raised for clarification.

**(5) Fareham Housing development at the former Scout Hut site, Montefiore Drive, Park Gate**

A tabled item was received in respect of this item to provide Members with a copy of the decision notice. A copy is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

There were no comments or questions raised for clarification.

**(6) Sea Lane Housing Site, PO14 2NB**

A tabled item was received in respect of this item to provide Members with a copy of the decision notice. A copy is attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

There were no comments or questions raised for clarification.

## **7. AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE**

The Panel received a presentation by the Affordable Housing Strategic Lead which provided members with an update on progress with Fareham Housing sites and other relevant strategic housing matters. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix C.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

## **8. ROUGH SLEEPING INITIATIVE FUNDING 2020/21**

The Panel received a report by the deputy Chief Executive Officer which provided Members with details of the funding received following a bid to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Rough Sleeping Initiative programme.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report.

## **9. COVID-19 IMPACT ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS SERVICES**

The Panel received a report by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer which provided members with details of how each of the Housing service areas were impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and highlighted actions that have been taken to enable the continuation of essential services, respond to Government directives and ensure the safety of residents and staff.

Members asked that thanks be put on record to the Housing team for the fantastic work that has been done under such difficult circumstances.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report.

## **10. HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES**

The Chairman invited Members to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Housing Scrutiny Panel.

At the request of members it was agreed that an item would be brought to a future meeting of the Panel to provide an update on the 2 new posts created as a result of the funding received following a successful bid to the Rough Sleeping Initiative Fund.

Following the recent government announcement that additional funding will be made available to help with homelessness issues, it was requested and agreed that a report will be brought to the next meeting of the Panel to update Members on how any further, successful bids for funding will be utilised.

Members requested and agreed that, following a prolonged period of staff turnover, an update will be brought to the next meeting of the Panel to provide a staffing update outlining job roles and responsibilities.

At the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed that a report be brought to a future meeting of the Panel to update members on the new, recently implemented, Housing Software.

RESOLVED that the Housing Scrutiny Panel agrees that the following items be added to the Panel's Scrutiny Priorities:

- (a) an update on the 2 new posts created as a result of the successful funding bid from the Rough Sleeping Initiative Fund.
- (b) a report to update Members on how any further successful funding bids will be utilised to tackle Homelessness
- (c) a staffing update outlining job roles and responsibilities, as a result of staff turnover; and
- (d) an update on the new, recently implemented, Housing Software implementation.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm  
and ended at 6.58 pm).