

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Housing Scrutiny Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Thursday, 14 July 2022

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** Mrs K Mandry (Chairman)

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

**Councillors:** R Bird, F Birkett, D G Foot, Mrs J Kelly and Mrs K K Trott

**Also Present:** Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley, Executive Member for Housing,  
(for items 7, 8 & 9)



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence given at this meeting.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Panel held on 03 February 2022 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 made at this meeting.

**6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

**(1) Draft Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy - Adoption**

There were no questions or comments for clarification.

**(2) Assheton Court Redevelopment**

There were no questions or comments for clarification.

**7. ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY PANEL**

The Panel received a presentation by the Head of Housing & Benefits, the Head of Housing Delivery and the Executive Member for Housing which gave an overview for new members on the role and functions of the Housing Scrutiny Panel. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix A.

In delivering the presentation of the Housing Team's achievements to date and the challenges going forward for the Housing portfolio, the Executive Member, Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley, put forward her thanks and congratulations to Officers for the excellent work done in reducing the number of rough sleepers in the Borough and securing large funding grants to help deliver new build developments.

Following a suggestion that information regarding the capital expenditure of the Housing Revenue Account budget should be made available to the Housing Panel for scrutiny, it was explained that as the Housing Revenue Account relates to financial matters, scrutiny is undertaken by the Policy and

Resources Panel, with all information and documentation made publicly available. It was suggested that financial information could be included in the Affordable Housing standard agenda item at a future meeting if Members would find this useful.

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

## **8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley, Executive Member for Housing, addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel received a presentation by the Head of Housing Delivery which updated members on the progress being made with Fareham Housing Sites and other relevant strategic housing matters. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Appendix B.

During the discussion of this item, members suggested that it would be useful to visit some of the properties that have benefitted from the LAD2 Funding which aims to improve the energy efficiency in Council owned properties.

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

## **9. HOMELESSNESS FUNDING BIDS - UPDATE**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs C L A Hockley, Executive Member for Housing, addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel considered a report by the Head of Housing and Benefits which provided members with an update in respect of recent Homelessness funding bids.

Members congratulated the Housing team for the excellent work they do in preparing and securing successful funding bids.

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

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

RESOLVED that having considered and discussed the scrutiny priorities for the Housing Portfolio, the Panel agrees that there are no additions or amendments required at the present time.

(The meeting started at 6.02 pm  
and ended at 7.20 pm).