



Roles & Functions of the Housing Scrutiny Panel (Item 7)

June 2024



Role and Functions

- 'Scrutiny' = a careful and detailed examination of something in order to get information about it.
- To scrutinise: -
 - The activities and performance of the Executive, Executive Members and Officers
 - Focus on Council Corporate Priorities and Improvement Actions
 - Policy development review (considering things at initial policy development stage)
 - Strategic plans and performance of services
 - External organisations (when relevant)

Consider Executive Business

Standard agenda item: “to consider any item of business dealt with by the Executive, since the last meeting of the Panel”

- Provides transparency on Executive Decisions made by:
 - Meeting of Executive
 - Individual Executive Member
 - Officers (under delegated authority)
- Gives Panel Members the opportunity to comment or ask questions for clarification

Call-In

Formal Call-In:

“Each Scrutiny Panel will exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, any decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive or by individual Executive Members and any key decisions made but not yet implemented by officers in exercise of their delegated powers”

- Members of the Scrutiny Panel can sign a call-in notice (and/or any 3 non-Exec Members from across the Council)
- Advice is you can then either present the case for the call-in, or hear the call-in as a member of the Panel but not both
- Special Scrutiny Panel must convene within 10 working days
- Ask the Executive to reconsider (with reasons), or take no further action

Managing Scrutiny Panel Priorities

- Different from work programmes
 - You decide what goes on the plan
 - Cancel a meeting
 - Create a new meeting
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- The Panel can consider what they want to know about
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- Standing agenda items
 - Cyclical (regular) items

The Housing Service

1. The Housing Service (overview)
2. Who's Who in Housing
3. Basic understanding of Affordable Housing
4. Further Member training



The Housing Service

- Housing advice, homelessness & rough sleeping
- Housing Register & Allocations
- Tenancy Management for over 2,400 Council-owned homes

2,350
homes for rent

58
Shared Ownership

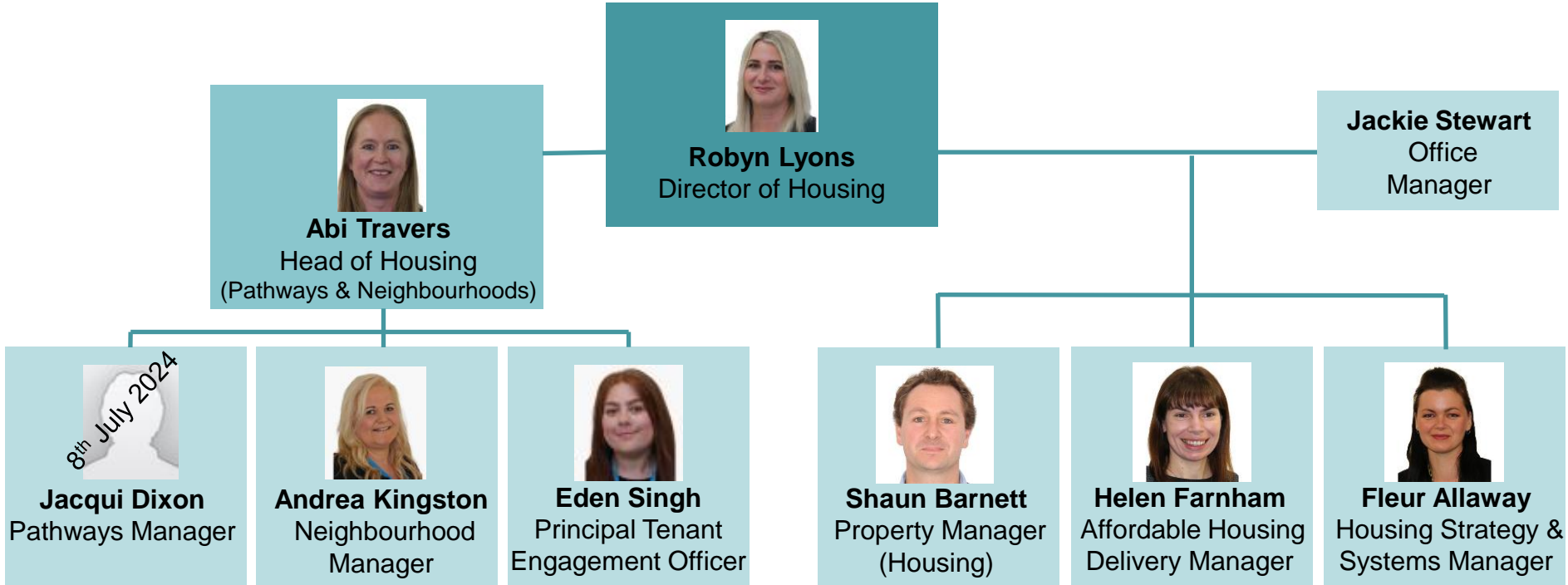
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leaseholders

- Property maintenance & repairs for Council-owned homes
- Temporary accommodation (tenancy support)
- Council new builds
- Leasehold management
- Liaison/advice to planning on affordable housing matters (e.g. 'housing enabling')



Who's Who

(Housing Management Team)



Service Areas

(Housing Management Team)

Abi Travers
Pathways & Neighbourhoods

Robyn Lyons
Director of Housing

Jacqui Dixon
Pathways Team

Andrea Kingston
Neighbourhood Team

Eden Singh
Tenant Engagement

Shaun Barnett
Property Team

Helen Farnham
Housing Delivery Team

Fleur Allaway
Strategy & Systems Team

- Housing Advice / Options
- Homelessness Prevention
- Homelessness Relief
- Rough Sleepers
- Emergency Acc.
- Temporary Acc.
- Housing Waiting List
- Allocations
- Farelets

- Tenancy Management
- Sheltered Housing
- Tenancy Fraud
- Rent collection & arrears
- ASB
- Mutual Exchanges
- Communal Area Cleaning
- Neighbourhood management

- Tenant Engagement Strategy
- Lead on all tenant engagement activities
- Tenant communication & newsletters

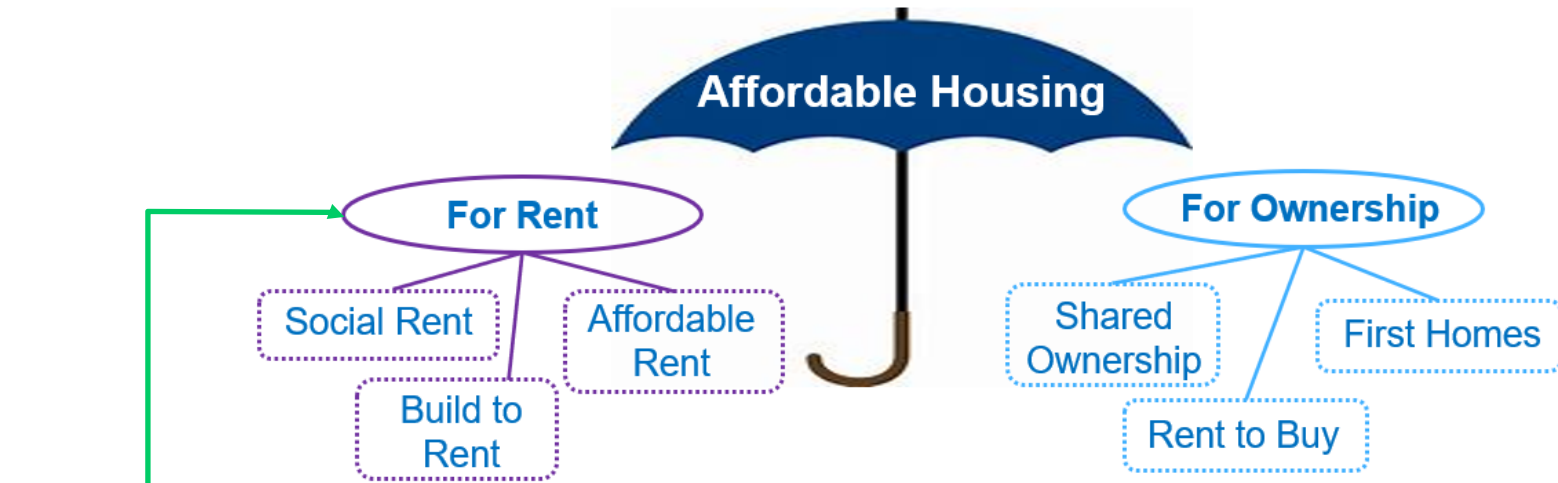
- Council Home...
- Repairs
 - Maintenance
 - Disabled adaptations and extensions
 - Alterations
 - Void works
 - Fire safety
 - Gas, electric checks

- Council new builds
- Affordable Housing monitoring
- Leaseholder services
- Affordable Home Ownership Register
- Enabling (delivery of affordable homes through the planning system)

- Strategy, policy and guidance note development/review
- Housing Management System
- Website improvements
- Data submissions
- Data monitoring
- Efficiency projects
- Other projects

Understanding Affordable Housing

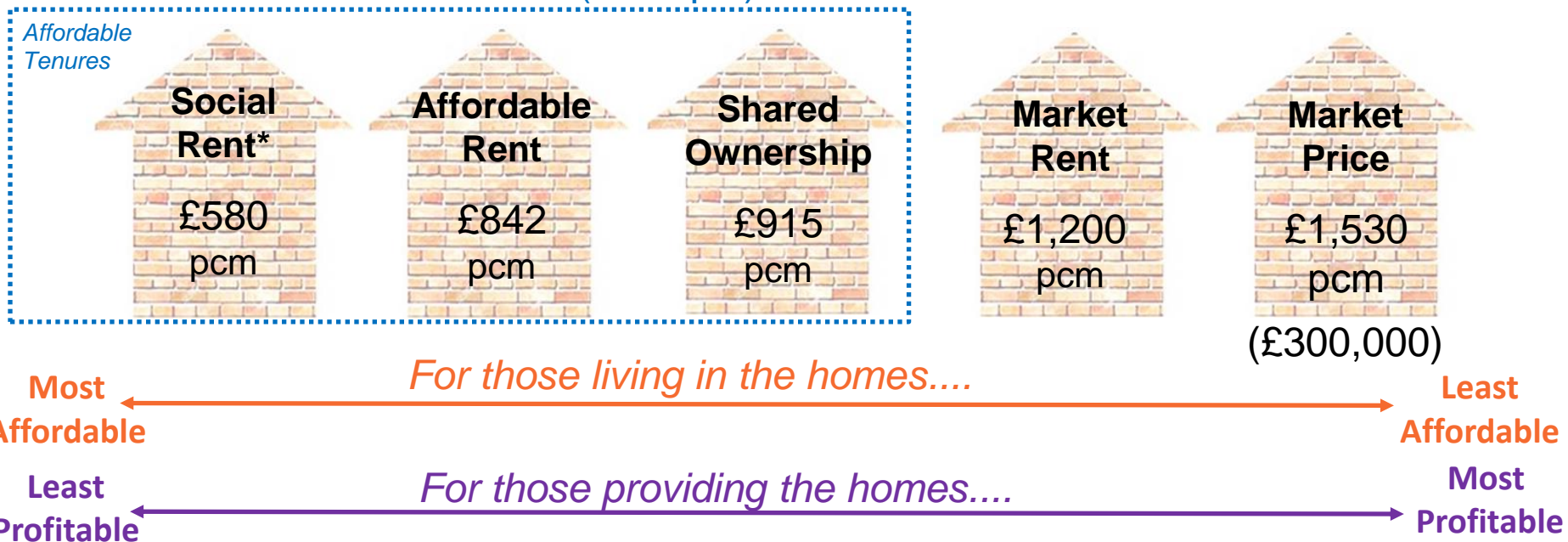
'Affordable Housing' is defined in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)




Waiting List (approx.
600 households)

How do they compare?

2-bed terrace house in Fareham (example)



Two training sessions

Affordable Housing Part 1:

Strategic aims, objectives, useful background, and current issues

Thursday

12th September

3.30pm

Affordable Housing Part 2:

Operational overview, regulation and standards, future challenges

Thursday

19th September

3.30pm

Any Questions

