

HOUSING & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Minutes of the meeting of the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel held on Monday, 4 July 2016 at 9.00 am at the Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

Present

Councillor Darren Sanders (in the Chair)

Councillors Gemma New
Jennie Brent
Alicia Denny
Frank Jonas
Leo Madden

40. Apologies for absence (AI 1)

There were no apologies.

41. Declaration of members' interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations.

42. Minutes of the previous meeting - 24 March 2016 (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 24 March 2016 be approved as a correct record.

43. Discussion of future topics for review (AI 4)

Angela Dryer, Deputy Director of Adult Services was present to assist the panel with their discussions relating to independent living. Owen Buckwell, Director of Property and Housing Services was present for part of the meeting to assist the panel in relation to the housing topics proposed.

Members of the panel suggested the following topics:

- Housing allocations - to consider how do we allocate properties. To find out if the allocation system is fair and how the points system works. To hear about the allocation policy as it stands to be able to offer ideas of how that could be improved. The chair suggested that this topic could be reviewed at a half day conference style event, with an hour session from Housing, followed by the hearing from several witnesses. The panel could meet to discuss the conclusions and recommendations.
- Independent living - how we support individuals in their independent living, who can live independently and should they live independently.
- Housing need and empty properties in Portsmouth and the impact of Government Policy.

RESOLVED that the panel agreed the following topics for review to be forwarded to the Scrutiny Management Panel of 8th July:

- **Housing Need and Empty Properties in Portsmouth and the impact of Government Policy**
- **Housing Allocations**
- **Independent Living - how we support individuals in their independent living, who can live independently and should they live independently.**

The meeting concluded at 9.45 am.

Councillor Darren Sanders
Chair