

Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel

DRAFT - Scoping Document

Review title: Housing Need and Empty Properties in Portsmouth and the impact of Government Policy on them

Background

This topic was agreed by the Scrutiny Management Panel on 8 July 2016 and forms part of the Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel's 2016/17 work programme.

Objectives of the inquiry

1. To understand the specific policies.
2. What is the impact of these policies on Portsmouth, especially the City Council?
3. What is being done to alleviate the impact?
4. What else can be done to alleviate it?
5. What can we learn from other local authorities?

Possible witnesses

Cabinet Member for Housing, Councillor Steve Wemyss
Owen Buckwell, Director of Property and Housing
Elaine Bastable or Steve Macer, Housing Options
Bruce Lomax, Private Sector Housing Manager
Nick Haverley, Finance Manager
David Mearns, Assistant Housing Manager, Property and Housing
Private landlords
Kate Kennard, Tackling Poverty Co-ordinator
Carole Damper, Roberts Centre