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## HOUSING & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Minutes of the meeting of the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday, 17 November 2016 at 3.30 pm at the Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

### Present

Councillor Darren Sanders (in the Chair)

Councillors Jennie Brent  
Leo Madden

#### **54. Apologies for absence (AI 1)**

Councillors Frank Jonas, Alicia Denny and Gemma New were not required to attend.

#### **55. Declaration of Members' Interests (AI 2)**

There were no interests declared.

#### **56. Minutes of the previous meeting - 21 October 2016 (AI 3)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 21 October 2016 be approved as a correct record.

#### **57. Current review: Housing Need and Empty Properties in Portsmouth and the impact of Government Policy on them. (AI 4)**

The chair, Councillor Sanders explained that as he had been informed that there may be announcements in next week's Autumn Statement regarding changes to Government Housing Policy, it had been agreed that the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Director of Property and Housing Services would be better placed to update the panel at their next meeting in December.

#### **58. Date of next meeting. (AI 5)**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the panel would be held on Thursday 15th December at 3pm.

Members also agreed the date of the January meeting as Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, time to be confirmed.

The meeting concluded at 3.35 pm.

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Councillor Darren Sanders  
Chair

