Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

HOUSING & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY, 13 JULY 2023 AT 3.00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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If any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting has access requirements, please notify the contact named above.

Public health guidance for staff and the public due to Winter coughs, colds and viruses, including Covid-19

- Following the government announcement 'Living with Covid-19' made on 21 February 2022 and the end of universal free testing from 1 April 2022, attendees are no longer required to undertake any asymptomatic/ lateral flow test within 48 hours of the meeting; however, we still encourage attendees to follow the public health precautions we have followed over the last two years to protect themselves and others including vaccination and taking a lateral flow test should they wish.
- We strongly recommend that attendees should be double vaccinated and have received any boosters they are eligible for.
- If unwell we encourage you not to attend the meeting but to stay at home. Updated government guidance from 1 April 2022 advises people with a respiratory infection, a high temperature and who feel unwell, to stay at home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. From 1 April 2022, anyone with a positive Covid-19 test result is still being advised to follow this guidance for five days, which is the period when you are most infectious.
- We encourage all attendees to wear a face covering while moving around crowded areas of the Guildhall.
- Although not a legal requirement, attendees are strongly encouraged to keep a social distance and take opportunities to prevent the spread of infection by following the 'hands, face, space' and 'catch it, kill it, bin it' advice that protects us from coughs, colds and winter viruses, including Covid-19.
- Hand sanitiser is provided at the entrance and throughout the Guildhall. All attendees are encouraged to make use of hand sanitiser on entry to the Guildhall.
- Those not participating in the meeting and wish to view proceedings are encouraged to do so remotely via the livestream link.

Membership

Councillor Kirsty Mellor (Chair)
Councillor Raymond Dent (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Lewis Gosling

Councillor Graham Heaney
Councillor Leo Madden
Councillor Leonie Oliver

Standing Deputies

Councillor Ryan Brent   Councillor George Madgwick
Councillor Jason Fazackarley   Councillor Daniel Wemyss
Councillor George Fielding

(NB   This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the minutes of this meeting.)

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A G E N D A

Apologies for absence

Declarations of interest

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 March 2023 (Pages 3 - 6)

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting on 22 March 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

Review into damp and mould in social housing and private rented housing (Pages 7 - 44)

To agree a scoping document for a review into damp and mould. Background information on the topic is attached below:

- Letter from Secretary of State on rented property standards
- Letter to CEOs of large registered providers
- Initial response to Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities
- Local authority returns for damp and mould in private rented sector
- Registered Social Landlord damp and mould return
- PCC Housing staff bulletin
- Damp and mould leaflet for PCC tenants

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