

HOUSING & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Draft Scoping Document

Working title

Review into the response of the Local Authority and Landlords in the city to the issue of damp and mould in social housing and private rented housing

Objectives

The review will:

- Seek to understand the cause and extent of any damp and mould in council owned and socially rented properties in the city
- Examine the current approach that the council and landlords take in preventing and dealing with damp and mould in properties, with a view to making recommendations for improvements, if necessary.
- Assess how effective the council's regulatory framework is in addressing damp and mould issues, with a view to making recommendations for improvements, if necessary
- Calling upon tenants and their experience to inform the scrutiny

Witnesses

Possible witnesses:

- James Hill - Director of Housing, Neighbourhoods & Building Services
- Sally Scattergood - Assistant Director, Housing
- Meredydd Hughes - Assistant Director, Building Services
- Representatives from PCC council housing Residents' Consortium
- Housing Associations and RSLs (landlords and residents)
- Portsmouth & District Landlords' Association

Timeline

- 13 July - agree scoping document and timeline; outline background to review (for example, Rochdale case, government action, PCC policy / practice / standards on damp and mould)
- September to December - meetings with PCC tenants, HA and private sector tenants
- January to February - any other meetings if needed
- Early March - sign off review

The scoping document can be revised throughout the review.