

Crawley Borough Council

Housing Associations Scrutiny Panel

Agenda for the **Housing Associations Scrutiny Panel** which will be held in **Committee Rooms A & B - Town Hall**, on **Wednesday, 7 February 2024** at **7.00 pm**

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Chief Executive

Membership: Councillors T Lunnon (Chair), M L Ayling, H Hellier, S Piggott and S Pritchard

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Part A Business (Open to the Public)

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Disclosures of Interest & Whipping Declarations

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Councillors of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to declare interests where appropriate.

3. Minutes (Pages 5 - 16)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Housing Associations Scrutiny Panel held on 23 November 2023.

4. Witness Sessions

The Panel invited representatives from selected Registered Providers to help inform its investigation in understanding the current processes, practices and systems, together with the provision of support currently being provided to tenants. It would be beneficial to share best practice, expertise and learning, resulting in positive outcomes for all parties involved and seek to build on the positive relationships already in place

The Panel is aware of the new legislation and consumer standards for Registered Providers due to come into effect in 2024 and consequently was keen to understand the preparation for these.

Representatives from The Guinness Partnership have been invited to assist the Panel's scrutiny in this matter.

Councillor Irvine has also been invited as the Cabinet Member for Housing.

Whilst the individuals named above identifies those witnesses anticipated to speak at the meeting, this may change subject to availability and, at the discretion of the Chair. Further witnesses may be called in addition or instead of those listed above should they be unavailable. Due to the nature of the discussions within the above item, should Councillors wish to scrutinise the financial issues or aspects of any arrangements in specific detail that may be viewed as financially/commercially sensitive the meeting may need to move to Part B (exempt item – closed to the public).

5. Recommendations

To agree any recommendations from this meeting to be included into the draft report.

6. General Update and Actions for Next Meeting

To receive any relevant updates/information from officers and Panel Members, including additional information required to advance the forthcoming meetings. To include:

- a) Date of next meeting is Monday 18 March. Confirm actions and work for final meeting of the Panel.
- b) Decide what additional information the Panel requires to complete the Review or any additional witness sessions.
- c) Agree how any recommendations will be agreed and content for the draft report.

7. Supplemental Agenda

Any urgent item(s) complying with Section 100(B) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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