

# Overview and Scrutiny Homelessness Strategy Review Group

THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2013

5.00PM

THE CONSERVATORY, CIVIC OFFICES  
CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

# AGENDA

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**Membership:** Councillor Steve Coventry (Chair); Councillors M Burke, Bradburn, Hoyle, Klein and C Williams

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## AGENDA

### 1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair to welcome all to the meeting.

### 2. **Apologies**

### 3. **Disclosures of Interest**

Members to declare any disclosable interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests in any contracts to be considered.

### 4. **Homelessness Strategy – To increase the Availability of Housing for those in Need Across All Tenures**

The Homelessness Strategy Review Group will be focussing mainly on issues relating to the prevention, prioritisation, procedures and possible solutions to homelessness and how the Council's approach and its work with stakeholders could help it to meet the aims of the 5 strategic objectives of the Council's Homelessness Strategy, which are:

1. To prevent homelessness
2. To work in partnership with others
3. To help households prepare for the impact of welfare reform
4. To increase the availability of housing for those in need across all tenures
5. To improve social mobility and the life chances

At this meeting, the Review Group will be focussing on strategic objective 4: To increase the availability of housing for those in need across all tenures.

Representatives from a number of Housing Associations that provide housing in the Milton Keynes' area have been invited to the meeting and association has been asked to provide the Review Group with a brief on the work they each undertake to ensure there is an availability of housing for those who are in most need.

To date, representatives from the following Housing Associations will be attending the meeting:

- Ian Kavanagh - Guinness Housing Partnership
- Janice Taylor – Housing Services Manager - Jephson Housing Association
- David Hunter, Head of Operations – Paradigm Housing Group

The Council's Head of Housing Access will also be present at the meeting to provide information on the Council's approach and arrangements.

Over the length of the review, the Review Group will be considering each strategic objective in turn, and once all the evidence has been gathered, the group will publish its findings and proposals on the Council's approach to homelessness and may wish to present its recommendations to the Cabinet, as appropriate.

## 5. Future Meetings of the Homelessness Strategy Review Group

The Review Group to confirm dates for the next two meetings

The Homelessness Strategy Review Group will be meeting approximately every two weeks (for a minimum of six meetings).

The following timetable has been agreed by the Group:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Time and Venue</b>
21 March 2013	To consider the Homelessness Strategy Strategic Objective 3: To help households prepare for the impact of welfare reform	2pm Conservatory, Civic Offices
2 April 2013	To consider the Homelessness Strategy Strategic Objective 2: To work in partnership with others	2pm Room 2 Civic Offices
25 April 2013	To consider the Homelessness Strategy Strategic Objective 4: To increase the availability of housing for those in need across all tenures	5pm Conservatory Civic Offices
9 May 2013	To consider the Homelessness Strategy Strategic Objective 5: To improve social mobility and the life chances	6pm – Room 3
TBC	To consider the Homelessness Strategy Strategic Objective 1: To prevent homelessness.	6pm – venue tbc
TBC	To formulate recommendations and approve a final report to the Cabinet.	6pm – venue tbc

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**Date of Meeting: 25 April 2013**

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