

# PLEASE NOTE VENUE

## NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM AGENDA



**Wednesday 28 February 2007**

**at 2.00 pm**

**in the Main Hall, Owton Manor Community Centre,  
Wynyard Road, Hartlepool**

**MEMBERS: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM:**

Councillors S Allison, Brash, Clouth, R W Cook, Cranney, Gibbon, Hall, Henery, Lilley, Rayner and D Waller.

Resident Representatives: Ann Butterfield, Ian Campbell and Linda Shields

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

**3. MINUTES**

No items.

**4. RESPONSES FROM THE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO FINAL REPORTS OF THIS FORUM**

No items.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS REFERRED VIA SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

No items.

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## 6. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS/BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

No items.

## 7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### **Scrutiny Investigation into “The Performance and Operation of Private Sector Rented Accommodation and Landlords”**

7.1 Evidence from the Strategic Housing Manager:-

- (a) Covering Report (*Scrutiny Support Officer*); and
- (b) Presentation by Strategic Housing Manager.

## 8. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- i) **Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 21 March 2007, commencing at 2.00 pm at Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road, Hartlepool**

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**Report of:** Scrutiny Support Officer

**Subject:** SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION INTO THE PERFORMANCE AND OPERATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR RENTED ACCOMMODATION AND LANDLORDS IN HARTLEPOOL – FURTHER EVIDENCE FROM THE STRATEGIC HOUSING MANAGER

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform members of the Forum that the Strategic Housing Manager will be in attendance at this meeting to provide further evidence in relation to the ongoing investigation into the performance and operation of private sector rented accommodation and landlords.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 25 October 2006, the Terms of Reference and Potential Areas of Inquiry/Sources of Evidence were approved by the Forum for this scrutiny investigation.
- 2.1 Throughout the Forums meetings evidence has been provided covering various elements of the Terms of Reference. With the investigation drawing to a close a final presentation is to be given by the Strategic Housing Manager covering the following areas:
- Further information on the Tenant Referencing Scheme; and
  - A Summary of the Effectiveness of the Councils Activities in Relation to Private Sector Rented Accommodation and Landlords.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That Members of the Forum consider the content of the Strategic Housing Managers presentation and take in to consideration the issues and comments made during the formulation of the Final Report.

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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The following background paper was used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Report of the Scrutiny Support Officer entitled 'Scrutiny Investigation into the Performance and Operation of Private Sector Rented Accommodation and Landlords – Scoping Report' presented to the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum held on 25 October 2006.
- (ii) Report of the Scrutiny Support Officer entitled 'Scrutiny Investigation into the Performance and Operation of Private Sector Rented Accommodation and Landlords – Setting the Scene Report' presented to the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum held on 25 October 2006.