

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting:	HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
Date and Time:	WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2026, AT 6.00 PM
Place:	COUNCIL CHAMBER - APPLETREE COURT, BEAULIEU ROAD, LYNDHURST, SO43 7PA
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- (a) on items within the Housing and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel's terms of reference which are not on the public agenda; and/or
- (b) on individual items on the public agenda, when the Chairman calls that item. Speeches may not exceed three minutes.

Anyone wishing to attend the meeting, or speak in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme, should contact the name and number shown above no later than 12.00 noon on Friday, 16 January 2026.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2025 as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any public participation in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme.

4. CORPORATE PLAN: KEY PERFORMANCE DATA FOR QUARTER 2 2025-2026 (Pages 5 - 32)

To consider the performance data against KPIs identified in the Corporate Plan.

5. DRAFT NEW FOREST CREATIVE AND CULTURAL FRAMEWORK (Pages 33 - 56)

To consider the draft New Forest Creative and Cultural Framework.

6. COMMUNITY GRANTS 2026/27 (Pages 57 - 82)

To consider the recommendations for community grant allocation for 2026/27 from the Community Grants Task and Finish Group.

7. DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY 2025-2028 (Pages 83 - 112)

To receive the Domestic Abuse Strategy following consultation.

8. HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY (Pages 113 - 278)

To consider the draft proposed Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

9. DRAFT REVISED ALLOCATIONS POLICY (Pages 279 - 442)

To consider proposals to amend the Housing Allocations Policy.

10. HOUSING LANDLORD ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) STRATEGY (Pages 443 - 500)

To consider the draft Housing Landlord Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Strategy.

11. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND THE HOUSING PUBLIC SECTOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME FOR 2026/27 (Pages 501 - 534)

To consider the Housing Revenue Account budget and the Housing Public Sector Capital Expenditure programme for 2026/27.

12. SOCIAL HOUSING REGULATION ACT (2023) PROGRESS REPORT NUMBER 5 (SAFETY & QUALITY STANDARD) (Pages 535 - 550)

To receive the progress report on the work related to the Social Housing Regulation Act.

13. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S UPDATE

An opportunity for the Portfolio Holder's to provide an update to the Panel on developments within their portfolio.

14. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 551 - 552)

To agree the work programme to guide the Panel's activities over the coming months.

15. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To: **Councillors**

Steve Clarke (Chairman)
Kate Crisell (Vice-Chairman)
John Adams
Hilary Brand
Sean Cullen

Substitutes

Allan Glass
Colm McCarthy

Co-optee

Melvyn Utley (Tenant Representative)

Councillors

Richard Frampton
John Haywood
Patrick Mballa
Neil Tungate
Melvyn Utley

Substitutes

Barry Rickman
Alex Wade