

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Date and Time: WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 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, 13 March 2026.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2026 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 3 2025-2026 (Pages 5 - 32)

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

5. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER(S) REVIEW & EXTENSION (Pages 33 - 60)

To consider the Public Space Protection Order(s) review and extension.

6. SAFER NEW FOREST STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2025 (Pages 61 - 114)

To consider the Safer New Forest Strategic Assessment 2025.

7. TENANT ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY - ANNUAL UPDATE 2026 (Pages 115 - 126)

To receive the progress being made in meeting the objectives and actions from the Tenant Engagement Strategy 2024-2028.

8. SOCIAL HOUSING REGULATION ACT (2023) PROGRESS REPORT NUMBER 6 (COMPETENCE AND CONDUCT REQUIREMENTS) (Pages 127 - 138)

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

9. RIGHT TO BUY REPORT (Pages 139 - 174)

To consider the Right to Buy Policy.

10. HOMELESSNESS UPDATE (Pages 175 - 180)

To receive an update on homelessness.

11. PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S UPDATE

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

12. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 181 - 184)

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

13. 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

Substitutes

Barry Rickman
Alex Wade