

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Housing Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on
Wednesday, 13 September 2017 at 4.30 p.m.

Portfolio Holder: Lynda Harford

Councillors in attendance:

Opposition spokesmen: Hazel Smith

Also in attendance: Tony Orgee

Officers:

Julie Fletcher	Head of Housing Strategy
Anita Goddard	Housing Operational Services Manager
Stephen Hills	Director of Housing
Peter Moston	Resident Involvement Team Leader
Ian Senior	Democratic Services Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Housing Portfolio Holder signed, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2017.

3. TENANT LED SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SHELTERED COMMUNAL ROOMS

The Housing Portfolio Holder considered a report on the Tenant Scrutiny Panel's recommendations and proposed Action Plan contained in its Paper entitled *A Review of Sheltered Housing Communal Rooms*, attached to the officer report as Appendices A and B.

The Scrutiny Panel's presentation had been delivered prior to the Portfolio Holder meeting taking place.

The Portfolio Holder said that the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations would now be considered in detail by a Working Group consisting of Councillors, South Cambridgeshire District Council officers, and residents. Councillor Hazel Smith expressed a desire to serve on the Working Group, and the Housing Portfolio Holder was pleased to welcome her as a Group member.

In response to a question from Councillor Smith, the Resident Involvement Team Leader clarified the guidelines for charging for use of communal rooms, and the role played by Parish Councils. There were likely to be different community uses at different communal rooms.

Councillor Smith referred to work being facilitated by Councillor Sue Ellington, intended to identify and tackle social isolation.

The Housing Portfolio Holder **endorsed** the Scrutiny Report of the Sheltered Housing Communal Rooms (Appendix A of the report from the Tenant Scrutiny Panel) and agreed to the measures set out in the Action Plan (Appendix B).

4. TENANT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The Housing Portfolio Holder noted that that the Tenant Participation Group would not be holding meetings in January or August 2018.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Housing Portfolio Holder meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 October 2017, starting at 3.30pm.

The Meeting ended at 4.55 p.m.
