



Event: Housing Scrutiny Task Group
Place: County Hall, Committee Room V
Date: Thursday 12th March
Time: 2.30pm

**A MEMBERS' BRIEFING TO PREPARE FOR THIS MEETING
 WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 12TH MARCH – 2.00PM
 COUNTY HALL - COMMITTEE ROOM V**

Membership

Cllr Janet Giles (Chairman)	Kennet District Council
Cllr Nina Phillips	North Wiltshire District Council
Cllr Mike Fowler	Salisbury District Council
Cllr Pip Ridout	West Wiltshire District Council
Cllr Pat Rugg	Wiltshire County Council

AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting (enclosed)**
 Members are asked to approve the minutes of the 13th February task group meeting.
3. **Chairman's Announcements**
4. **2009/10 Budget Update**
 - (a) 2009/10 Revenue Budget – on the 24th February 2009, the County Council agreed that the net revenue budget for the new housing directorate should be £2.728m. This represents a cash freeze as at 08/09 revenue budget levels, combining the four district council housing services budgets into one.
 - (b) Capital Programme – the programme for 09/10 includes the following allocations for housing:

		£m	
'corporate other housing grants'	-	2,200	100% grant funded
'commuted sums for housing (developer contributions)'	-	0.274	100% grant funded
'corporate mandatory disabled facilities grants'	-	0.897	100% grant funded
'corporate disabled facilities grants'	-	1,455	discretionary funding

- 5. Housing Directorate Structure – Final Update (report to follow)**
Members are invited to discuss a final update report on the management structure for the new housing directorate.

- 6. Updates from the Wiltshire Housing Reference Partnership (enclosed)**
Members are invited to consider the following issues that were discussed at the 4th March Housing Reference Partnership meeting:
 - (a) interim housing renewal strategy
 - (b) interim homelessness strategy
 - (c) housing advisers fix it scheme
 - (d) medical assessments
 - (e) sanctuary scheme

- 7. Options for Delivering Affordable Housing (report to follow)**
Members are invited to discuss with the Housing Service Director the various options being explored for the delivery of affordable housing in Wiltshire.

- 8. Key Risks & Issues Update**
Members are invited to discuss with the Housing Project Manager how the key issues and risks associated with housing services in the transition are being monitored and managed.

- 9. Housing Project Plan Update**
Members are invited to discuss with the Housing Project Manager the current status of the housing project plan.

***IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER
AND FINALISE THE TASK GROUP'S FINAL REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE 27TH MARCH
JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY TRANSITION BOARD***