Programme for Scrutiny Review in Affordable Housing in Rural Areas

Stage	Action	Date to be completed	Resources required
1	First meeting of the Scrutiny Panel (Booked for 31 October 2011, 10am Warren Room)	31 October 2011	Background papers emailed to Panel members (RA)
	This meeting looks at:		Statistics produced for Panel members (RA)
	(a) Review of existing policies and delivery arrangements for affordable housing in		Draft questionnaires to Panel (LF)
	rural areas of Lewes District		List of potential stakeholders drafted (RA)
	Panel to read background papers prior to meeting (sent out week 10 October) and to		Funding required for Review (RA)
	lodge questions for officers about current service, to be answered at meeting		Draft covering letter (RA)
	(b) Panel agree at meeting the following:		Relevant Cabinet members (Housing and Planning) informed of review and invited to Stage 3 and other stages if they so wish (RA)
	 Whether to seek to co-opt any external persons (Suggest officers from SDNPA and AiRS Rural Housing Enabling Officer 		
	List of stakeholders from whom to seek views on current service Euture plan of review.		
	 Future plan of review Agree covering letter and questionnaire to stakeholders 		

	© Panel could also consider a publicity campaign for this, twitter feeds, press releases at end of review etc.		
2	Site Visit to East Hants DC (Petersfield) to discuss their experience as a beacon council for affordable housing and to visit some schemes in East Hants	5 December 2011 (suggested date)	Book transport and lunch (RA) Liaise with East Hants (LF)
3	Second meeting of the Scrutiny Panel to meet all day at a rural location in Lewes District to be advised. To include a visit to local affordable housing scheme(s). This meeting looks at: (a) The need for affordable housing in rural areas of Lewes District. (b) Evidence from stakeholders, co-optees and witnesses on the day. (c) Understanding the changing policy and	27 January 2012	Second batch of reading material (RA) Stakeholders sent questionnaires and invited to attend prior to meeting (RA) Analysis of data from questionnaires (RA) – Survey Monkey? Lunch (RA) Occupiers of recently completed schemes sent questionnaire and invited to attend. (RA)

	financial environment and considering what opportunities it offers		Twitter feeds to let public know of the meeting (RA)
4	Third and final meeting of the Scrutiny Panel This meeting looks at: (a) Good practice on delivery of affordable housing in rural areas for other parts of England (b) Conclusion of review and recommendations for action.	18 February 2012	Further reading material (RA) Evidence from previous meetings (RA)
5	Report finalised	2 March 2012: Report finalised and agreed 7 March 2012: Report to CMT	All reporting stages met (RA/LF/Panel) Publicity (RA)

	21 March 2012: Report to Callover Folder	
	17 April 2012 Report to Cabinet	