

EHP Committee: 2025/2026 Committee Resolutions and Updates

Meeting Date	Agenda Item Title	Officer	Resolution	Update
2 July 2025	Social Housing Regulation Consumer Standard Improvement Plan	Simon Hendey	That confirmation be sought from the Cabinet Member for Good Homes that the Cabinet Committee (Housing) would be responsible for monitoring the improvement plan.	A paper is due to be presented to Cabinet Committee; Housing in July 2026
			That the committee would discuss at a subsequent meeting the impact of future government regulations, including an officer perspective on the council's proposed response.	As Above
			The Cabinet Member consider the committee's comments raised during the discussion of the item.	No update necessary

16 September 2025	Winchester District Tourism Strategy 2026-2030 - Baseline Report and Outline Recommendations	Andrew Gostelow	That the baseline report and outline recommendations for the Winchester District Tourism Strategy 2026-2030 were noted.	No update necessary
			The committee acknowledged the challenges highlighted, including the need to diversify the visitor market, encourage business collaboration, and secure investment to deliver the strategy.	No update necessary
			The committee supported the progression of the strategy based on the work undertaken.	No update necessary
			Officers were asked to: i. Confirm whether the recent Foodies Festival at River Park was subsidised by the council.	Winchester City Council did not subsidise the 2025 Foodies Festival hosted at River Park.
			ii. For future, specific festivals, such as Boomtown, to analyse the town centre footfall data to identify any significant differences.	This event takes place between 12-16 August. Officers will monitor footfall data in the city accordingly

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16 September 2025	Housing Development Strategy	Caroline Egan	The committee agreed the following comments: That the draft Housing Development Strategy 2025-2032 be noted.	No update necessary
			That the final strategy should place a strong emphasis on proactively working with and supporting registered providers and other partners to ensure their capacity to deliver affordable housing is maximised.	This is in the adopted Strategy – see ‘Our Affordable Housing Provider Strategy’ section.
			That officers consider providing clarification on overheating solutions (e.g., MVHR, solar shading, expert advice) to the "how we will achieve this" section of the strategy.	This is in the adopted Strategy – see ‘Our Council Plan and Housing Development Strategy Priorities – Greener, Faster’ section.
			Where appropriate, councillors promote awareness of Action Hampshire's rural housing enabling service to parish councils	No update necessary

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16 September 2025	Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping	Karen Thorburn	That the draft Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030 be noted.	No update necessary
			The committee commended the officers and partner organisations for their work in preventing homelessness and noted the significant achievements made.	No update necessary
			The committee acknowledged the external challenges, including funding constraints and demographic changes, and supported the need to ensure council funding provisions continued through any period of local government reorganisation.	No update necessary
			Officers to provide data on the average length of stay in temporary accommodation for the previous two years.	Following the meeting, officers provided the Temporary accommodation figures for the previous two years which were included in the minutes of the meeting.

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16 September 2025	Housing Compliance Policies	Yvonne Anderson	That the committee noted the report.	No update necessary
			That the committee thanked the officer for bringing the report forward and noted that it would progress through the appropriate council committees for approval.	No update necessary
			That officers clarify the response times regarding lifts as noted in sections 6.4 and 6.5 of the policy.	Following the meeting officers advised “that paragraph 6.4 of the Lifts Policy refers to a lift outage, which will be attended to within 4 hours. Paragraph 6.5 refers to a situation where a passenger is trapped in a failed lift, which will be responded to within 1 hour.” This clarification was included in the minutes of the meeting.

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25 November 2025	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan & Budget Options	Simon Hendey	That the report and the proposed budget options be noted.	No update necessary
			That the Chairperson and officers consider adding a review of the HRA's 30-year business plan, particularly concerning the new build programme beyond 2032, to the committee's forward work plan for the next municipal year.	This was undertaken at the Committee's meeting in February 2026.
			That the Cabinet Member consider the committee's comments raised during the discussion of the item.	No update necessary
25 November 2025	The Local Visitor Economy Partnership	Andrew Gostelow	That the committee reviewed and commented on the work undertaken to develop the Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) and the Hampshire Destination Management Plan (DMP).	No update necessary
			That the committee supported the council's role in facilitating the delivery of the LVEP and realising its benefits, noting it was a timely opportunity for the City Council to work on a wider regional stage, particularly in the context of local government reorganisation.	No update necessary

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<p>23 February 2026</p>	<p>Housing Revenue Account - Future Policy Options</p>	<p>Simon Hendey</p>	<p>That the presentation and the outcomes of the interactive session be noted.</p>	<p>The policy options will be considered as part of the 2027/8 HRA business plan.</p>
			<p>That the committee request officers and the Cabinet Member to consider the feedback provided by the groups, as detailed above.</p>	
			<p>That the committee also noted the following additional points, and invited officers and the Cabinet Member to consider whether further work in these areas would be appropriate:</p>	
			<p>The feasibility and implications of seeking a 5% saving within the housing management and repairs and maintenance budgets, and whether any resulting insights could be reported back to the committee.</p>	
			<p>The potential for alternative delivery models — for example, increased in-house resourcing for work currently delivered by third parties, enhanced partnership working, and improved utilisation of existing assets — and whether any emerging findings could be shared with the committee in due course.</p>	
			<p>The importance of taking interest rate exposure into account when developing future plans, given the financial pressures associated with renewing loans.</p>	

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			That the committee and officers welcomed this style of engagement and suggested using a similar process for policy development in other appropriate areas in the future	
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