

# Housing and Community Safety Advisory Committee

## **Scope of Officer Responsibilities**

# Housing

## Chief Officer: Pat Smith

### **Areas of Responsibility**

- Homelessness and Housing Advice/HERO service
- Housing Standards/accreditation
- Housing enabling/ Housing Policy/affordable housing
- Housing Register / liaison with Housing Associations
- Private sector lettings Scheme

### **Key Issues and Future Challenges**

- Recession and Welfare Reform
- New Allocation policy/Under Occupation
- Limited opportunities to develop/lack of affordable housing
- HIA and DFG process
- Working with the private sector

# Finance

## Chief Officer: Adrian Rowbotham

### **Areas of Responsibility**

- Housing Benefit & Benefit Fraud (partnership with Dartford BC)

### **Key Issues and Future Challenges**

- No. of customer contacts has nearly doubled in 2 years
- Impact of Welfare Reform changes
- Universal Credit – impact on claimants and staff
- Uncertain future of the Fraud Service (Single Fraud Investigation Service)

# Environmental & Operational Services

## Chief Officer: Richard Wilson

### Areas of responsibility

- Licensing Premises, Personal, Taxis, Gambling
- Environmental Health Food Safety, Health and Safety at work, Air Quality, Environmental Protection, Licensing, Animal Welfare, Contaminated Land
- CCTV

### Key Issues and Future Challenges

- Shared working arrangements

# Community and Economic Development

## Chief Officer: Lesley Bowles

### **Areas of Responsibility**

- Crime & Disorder Act
- Strategic Assessment
- Community Safety Action Plan
- CSU
- PACTs and EVAs
- Anti-Social Behaviour

### **Key Issues and Future Challenges**

- Rising crime
- Domestic Abuse
- External funding constraints