



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

**DATE: MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2023**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

**PLACE: Meeting Room G.01, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ**

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Joel (Chair)

Councillor Zaman (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Adatia, Aqbany, Mahesh, O'Neill, Singh Patel and Waddington

Members of the Committee are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

For Monitoring Officer

#### **Officer contacts:**

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## **AGENDA**

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#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members will be asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Commission held on 31 July 2023 and 19 September 2023 have been circulated, and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

#### **4. PETITIONS**

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any petitions received in accordance with Council procedures.

#### **5. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS OR STATEMENTS OF CASE**

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any questions, representations or statements of case received in accordance with Council procedures.

#### **6. RETROFITTING AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE**

**Appendix B**

The Director of Housing submits a report updating the Commission on the work the Housing Division is doing to respond to the climate emergency.

Members will be requested to note the contents of the report.

#### **7. EMPTY HOMES UPDATE**

**Appendix C**

The Director of Housing submits a report updating the Commission about the work the Empty Homes Team are doing to bring long term private sector homes back into use.

Members will be asked to note the contents of the report.

**8. PRS STRATEGY UPDATE**

**Appendix D**

The Director of Housing submits a report updating the Commission about the progress made with LCC's Private Rented Sector Strategy objectives.

Members of the Commission will be asked to provide any comments or feedback and note the content of the report.

**9. MIGRATION UPDATE**

**Appendix E**

The Director of Housing submits a report updating the Commission on Immigration, Migration and Asylum within the city.

Members will be asked to provide any comments and note the contents of the report.

**10. WORK PROGRAMME**

**Appendix F**

Members of the Commission will be asked to consider the work programme and make suggestions for additional items as it considers necessary.

**11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**