



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2025

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Committee

Councillor O'Neill (Chair)

Councillor Bajaj (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Aqbany, Gopal, Gregg, Mahesh, Singh Sangha and Zaman

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

For Monitoring Officer

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AGENDA

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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To issue a welcome to those present, and to confirm if there are any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

APPENDIX A

The minutes of the special meeting held on 12 June 2025 and the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Commission held on 10 July 2025 have been circulated, and Members will be asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair is invited to make any announcements as they see fit.

5. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE

Any questions, representations and statements of case submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures will be reported.

6. PETITIONS

Any petitions received in accordance with Council procedures will be reported.

7. HOUSING REGULATORY INSPECTION UPDATE [APPENDIX B](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report on the outcome of the Regulator of Social Housing's (RSH) initial inspection of the Council's Landlord function, along with the action plan to address identified assurance gaps.

8. WHO GETS SOCIAL HOUSING [APPENDIX C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report that provides an update on the 'headline' Housing Register and Lettings data, relating to Leicester City Council's Housing Register, for the 2024/2025 financial year.

9. REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE UPDATE [APPENDIX D](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report that provides an update on the current position of the Repairs and Maintenance Team, its performance throughout 2024-25 and projections for 2025-26, highlighting challenges and improvement actions.

10. MAINTENANCE CHARGES [APPENDIX E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report outlining the findings of a review of cleaning and associated charges for communal areas in council-owned sheltered housing and flatted accommodation.

11. WATER HYGIENE REPORT [APPENDIX F](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide an update on how the Housing Division manages water hygiene safety in its communal areas and tenants' homes. The report is for information.

12. WORK PROGRAMME [APPENDIX G](#)

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

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS