



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: TUESDAY, 15 JUNE 2021

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Scrutiny Commission

Councillor Westley (Chair)
Councillor Chamund (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Ali, Aqbandy, Byrne, Gee, and Rahman

1 unallocated non-group place.

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

For Monitoring Officer

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Further information

If you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact: Jason Tyler (Democratic Support Officer) on 0116 454 6359.

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or call in at City Hall.

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Appendix A

The Minutes of the meetings of the Housing Scrutiny Commission held on the following dates are attached:

- (i) 22 February 2021
- (ii) 12 April 2021

Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair will make announcements to update Commission members on current issues.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION - 2021/22

To note the Membership of the Housing Scrutiny Commission for the 2021/22 Municipal Year as follows:

Cllr Westley (Chair)
Cllr Chamund (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Ali
Cllr Aqbany
Cllr Byrne
Cllr Gee
Cllr Rahman

6. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR THE 2021/22 MUNICIPAL YEAR

To note the dates of the Housing Scrutiny Commission meetings for the 2021/22 Municipal Year as follows:

15 June 2021
16 August 2021
4 October 2021
29 November 2021
10 January 2022
28 February 2022

7. PETITIONS

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

8. 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.

9. COVID 19 - UPDATE

The Director of Housing will provide a verbal update concerning the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Division.

10. RESPONSIVE HOUSING REPAIRS 2020/21 - YEAR-END PERFORMANCE REPORT & UPDATE [Appendix B](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report, which provides an end of year update on the performance of the Division's Repairs and Maintenance (R&M) service.

11. GOSCOTE HOUSE DEMOLITION - INSTALLATION OF SPRINKLERS IN TOWER BLOCKS [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report, which provides an update on the progress of the demolition of Goscote House and the Sprinkler Installation Project.

12. RETRO-FIT AND THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report, which provides an update on the measures the Housing Division is taking to help tackle the climate emergency.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGET 2021-22 [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report, which outlines how the Environmental Budget will fund improvements on estates across the city in 2021/2022.

14. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) SERVICE - REVISED PROPOSAL [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report, which sets out a revised proposal to change the delivery of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Services.

15. WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix G](#)

The Commission's Work Programme is attached for information and comment.

16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS