



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2022

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Committee

Councillor Westley (Chair)

Councillor Chamund (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Ali, Aqbany, Crewe, Fonseca, Gee and Pantling

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

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AGENDA

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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 MEETING

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The minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Commission held on 22nd September 2022 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. RENT ARREARS REPORT (APRIL 2022 TO SEPT 2022)

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The Director of Housing submits a report providing information on the progress of steps taken to address rent arrears during the period April 2022 to September 2022.

Members of the Commission will be asked to comment and note the contents of the report.

7. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND HOUSE BUILDING UPDATE **Appendix C**
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The Director of Housing will provide a presentation giving details of the HRA Capital Programme and House Building update.

8. HOMELESSNESS REVIEW 2022 REPORT **Appendix D**
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The Director of Housing submits a report providing information on the Homelessness Review and the formulation of a Homelessness Strategy.

Members will be invited to comment on the report.

9. DISTRICT HEATING SERVICE CHARGES PROPOSALS REPORT **Appendix E**
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The Director of Housing submits a report on the District Heating Service Charges proposals which includes an overview of the charging arrangements for tenants and leaseholders in receipt of heating and hot water through the District Heating network and the recommendations which will be presented to Full Council for an in-year increase to service charges.

Members will be asked to comment upon and note the recommendations being taken to Full Council.

10. PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR (PRS) STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT **Appendix F**
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The Director of Housing submits a report providing a summary update on the implementation of the council's Private Rented Sector Strategy objectives.

11. WORK PROGRAMME **Appendix G**
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Members of the Commission will be asked to consider the work programme and make suggestions for additional items as it considers necessary.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the next scheduled meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Committee will take place on Monday 9th January 2023 at 5.30pm at City Hall.