



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2023

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, Aqbany, Fonseca, Gee, Modhwadia and Pantling

Members of the Scrutiny Commission 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 are 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 9 January 2023 and the Special Housing Scrutiny Commission 30 January 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. ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGET AND PUBLIC REALM PROJECT UPDATE

Appendix B

The Director of Housing submits a report providing the Housing Scrutiny Commission with an update on the Environmental Budget and the Public Realm Project.

Members of the Commission are recommended to note the report and pass any comments to the Director of Housing.

7. REPAIRS, GAS AND VOIDS PERFORMANCE UPDATE **Appendix C**

The Director of Housing submits a report that provides the Housing Scrutiny Commission with an update on the performance of the Division's Repairs and Maintenance service, which includes the Voids and Gas functions.

Members of the Commission are recommended to note the report and pass any comments to the Director of Housing.

8. WHO GETS SOCIAL HOUSING **Appendix D**

The Director of Housing submits a report which provides an update to Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission of the 'headline' Housing Register and Lettings data, relating to Leicester City Council's Housing Register. The report deals with the period starting 1st April 2022 and ending 30th September 2022.

Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission are recommended to note the report and pass any comments to the Director of Housing.

9. CHANNEL SHIFT UPDATE **Appendix E**

The Director of Housing submits a report provides an update to the Housing Scrutiny Commission on the delivery of Housing Online- Repairs. This relates specifically to the move to significantly increase the number of repairs reported online and repairs enquiries made online.

Members of the Commission are recommended to note the report and pass nay comments to the Director of Housing.

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