



Leicester  
City Council

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

**DATE: MONDAY, 30 JANUARY 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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## **Further information**

If you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact:

**Aqil Sarang, Democratic Support Officer on 0116 4545591.**

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## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **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. DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET [Appendix A](#) (INCLUDING CAPITAL PROGRAMME) 2023/24**

The Director of Housing submits a report, which describes the City Mayor's draft budget for 2023/24 including the Capital Programme.

Members of the Commission are recommended to note the contents of the report and comment as appropriate prior to consideration at Council.

#### **4. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**