



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 31 JULY 2023

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Committee

Councillor Joel (Chair)

Councillor Zaman (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Adatia, Aqbany, Mahesh, O'Neill, Singh Patel and Waddington

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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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 27 February 2023 have been circulated, and Members will be asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

Members of the Commission will be asked to note the Membership of the Housing Scrutiny Commission for 2023/24:

Councillor Joel (Chair)
Councillor Zaman (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Aqbany
Councillor O'Neil
Councillor Waddington
Councillor Adatia
Councillor Mahesh
Councillor Singh-Patel

5. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE COMMISSION

Members of the Commission are asked to note the Commission meeting dates as follows:

- 31 July 2023
- 19 September 2023
- 30 October 2023
- 27 November 2023
- 9 January 2024
- 11 March 2024

6. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. HOUSING OVERVIEW [Appendix B](#)

The Director of Housing submits a presentation to provide an overview of Housing Services.

10. WHO GETS SOCIAL HOUSING [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report that provides an update to Members of the 'headline' Housing Register and Lettings data, relating to Leicester City Council's Housing Register, for 2022/23.

11. RENT ARREARS - YEAR END REPORT [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to inform the Members of the Scrutiny Commission on the rent arrears progress within the general housing stock, over the full financial year, from April 2022 to March 2023.

Members will be recommended to note the contents of the report.

12. HOUSE BUILDS AND ACQUISITIONS UPDATE [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report regarding the current new build council house pipeline for the next 4 years, the Council acquisition programme and other delivery routes intended to be used to meet the strategic priority target of 1500 new affordable homes for Leicester.

Members will be recommended to note the contents of the report.

13. DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT / HOUSING ADAPTATIONS REPORT [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Housing submits an update on the two schemes that deliver support for residents to remain within their existing accommodation.

14. WORK PROGRAMME

Members of the Commission will be asked to consider items for the future work programme.

15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS