



Leicester  
City Council

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

**DATE: THURSDAY, 11 JULY 2024**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

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

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor O'Neill (Chair)

Councillor Zaman (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bajaj, Gopal, Gregg, Halford, Modhwadia 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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### **AGENDA**

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#### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To issue a welcome to those present, and to confirm if there are any apologies for absence.

#### **2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

#### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Commission held on 12 March 2024 have been circulated, and Members will be asked to confirm them as a correct record.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION 2024-25**

Members will be asked to note the membership of the Housing Scrutiny Commission for 2024/25:

Councillor O'Neill (Chair)  
Councillor Zaman (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Bajaj

Councillor Halford  
Councillor Waddington  
Councillor Gopal  
Councillor Modhwadia  
Councillor Gregg

## **5. DATES OF THE COMMISSION 2024-25**

Members will be asked to note the commission meeting dates as follows:

- Thursday 11 July 2024
- Tuesday 27 August 2024
- Tuesday 12 November 2024
- Tuesday 7 January 2025
- Tuesday 18 March 2025
- Tuesday 22 April 2025

## **6. SCRUTINY TERMS OF REFERENCE [Appendix B](#)**

Members are asked to note the scrutiny terms of reference.

## **7. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair is invited to make any announcements as they see fit.

## **8. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE**

Any questions, representations and statements of case submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures will be reported.

## **9. PETITIONS**

Any petitions received in accordance with Council procedures will be reported.

## **10. HOUSING OVERVIEW [Appendix C](#)**

The Director of Housing submits a presentation to provide an overview of the service and key challenges.

## **11. HOUSING REGULATOR [Appendix D](#)**

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide an update on the changes taking place in the regulation of social housing. The Scrutiny Commission is recommended to make any comments as they see fit.

## **12. RENT ARREARS ANNUAL REPORT [Appendix E](#)**

The Director of Housing submits a report to inform the Commission on the rent arrears progress within the general housing stock for the financial year, April

2023 - March 2024. The Commission is recommended to note the contents of the report and to make any comments as they see fit.

**13. HOUSE BUILD & ACQUISITIONS UPDATE** **Appendix F**

The Director of Housing submits a report to update the Commission on house building and acquisitions with a particular focus on new build council houses and the ongoing acquisitions programme. The Commission is recommended to note the content of the report and to make any comments as they see fit.

**14. ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGET & PUBLIC REALM WORK 2024/25** **Appendix G**

The Director for Housing submits a report to update the Commission on how the Environmental Budget and other investment will fund improvements on estates across the city in 2024/2025. The Commission is recommended to note the contents of the report and to make any comments as they see fit.

**15. WORK PROGRAMME** **Appendix H**

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

**16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**