



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2020

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Scrutiny Commission

Councillor Westley (Chair)

Councillor Nangreave (Vice Chair)

Councillors Aqbany, Gee, O'Donnell, Pickering and Willmott

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

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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 13 January 2020 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. RESPONSIVE HOUSING REPAIRS PERFORMANCE REPORT

Appendix B

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Housing Scrutiny Commission for noting, the purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Division's performance on the completion of responsive repairs to council properties.

The report will also provide an update about the implementation of service changes.

7. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY UPDATE [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide a further update to Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission on progress in implementing Leicester's Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023, since the last update to Scrutiny in August 2019.

8. IMPROVED SERVICE OFFER FOR FAMILIES: HOMES NOT HOSTELS [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to advise members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission on plans to implement the changes agreed as part of the homelessness strategy; a new service offer for homeless families.

Leicester's fourth Homelessness Strategy was formally agreed May 2018. Since this was formally adopted work has been ongoing to implement the agreed actions / proposals and build on the extensive work already in place.

The Housing Scrutiny Commission are asked for their feedback for the improved service offer for families.

9. VOID PERFORMANCE REPORT: JUNE 2019 - DECEMBER 2019 [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to update members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission on Void performance for the second and third quarters of 2019/20.

10. EMPTY HOMES UPDATE [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to update members of the Housing Scrutiny commission on the work that the Empty Homes Team are doing to bring long term private sector homes back into use.

11. WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix G](#)

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