



Leicester
City Council

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2020
TIME: 4:00 pm
PLACE: Virtual Teams Meeting

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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AGENDA

LIVE STREAM OF MEETING

A live stream of the meeting can be viewed on the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ybm6tt7o>

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 25 February 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

Kim Burley Jones asks the following seven questions on behalf of the Climate Action Leicester and Leicestershire Group:

1. Since in order to both reduce greenhouse emissions, and to ensure the housing continues to be fit to live in as climate change takes hold you – and every other council - needs to deep-retrofit all the council housing stock, please would you tell us what you are doing as a council to find funding to deep-retrofit and/or externally insulate all your council housing in the next 5 years?

Specifically,

2. Would Leicester City Council consider using Section 106 to raise funds from housing developers as Milton Keynes does with a charge for each tonne of carbon emissions in new building first year of life to fund energy efficiency?
3. Have you considered using municipal or social impact bonds such as the Brummie Bond in Birmingham?

4. Would you consider working with the Leicestershire County Council Pension Fund (which includes Leicester Pensions) to get them to invest a small proportion – maybe 3 to 5% of the fund – in deep retrofitting locally (at the same time as getting them to divest the £200million they have currently invested in fossil fuel companies), as with the Greater Manchester Pension fund?
5. Are you using, or do you have plans to use money from the Public Works Loan Board for climate activities?
6. Would you consider raising council tax on higher band properties to raise money for a climate action fund as Warwick District council is considering?
7. Finally, if you are seeking funding for external insulation and/or deep retrofit, please would you tell us from where and in what timescale?

The Monitoring Officer to report on any further questions, representations or statements of case received in accordance with Council procedures.

6. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) SERVICE PROPOSAL [Appendix B](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to seek feedback from the Housing Scrutiny Commission and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Members on the transfer of the ASB function from the Housing Division to the CrASBU Team. This will lead to one central team within the Council having responsibility for dealing with all ASB cases across the City from the first report to conclusion regardless of tenure.

8. HOUSING DIVISION COVID RESPONSE AND UPDATE MEMBERS BRIEFING [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to update Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission on the Housing Division's Covid response.

9. MANIFESTO DELIVERY - HOUSING [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide a progress update to the Housing Scrutiny Commission setting out progress on delivery of the Labour manifesto commitments made in 2019, and is an update on progress since November 2019 when the last update was provided on the matter to the Housing Scrutiny Commission.

10. RENT ARREARS PROGRESS REPORT APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020 [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to inform Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission of progress in the above area of work over the full financial year, from April 2019 to March 2020.

11. WHO GETS SOCIAL HOUSING? [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report for information to the Housing Scrutiny Commission in regard to the Housing register, band proportions, lettings and tenant overcrowding and under-occupation.

12. TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' FORUM ACTION AND DECISION LOG [Appendix G](#)

The Scrutiny Policy Officer submits for noting the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum Action and Decision Log from 2 June 2020.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS