



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2021

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: Zoom 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:

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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 11 January 2021 are attached 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. WOMEN TALKING, CITY LISTENING PROJECT

Appendix B

The Director of Delivery, Communications and Political Governance submits a report outlining the research undertaken by the City Listening Project team over the previous 12 months and summarising the key findings both directly and indirectly related to the Council's business.

A summary of recommendations is attached to the report (Appendix A).

The full report of findings is listed as a second appendix (Appendix B). This is not included in this agenda pack and can be forwarded separately on request.

7. HOUSING MANIFESTO COMMITMENTS - UPDATE [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report, which provides a progress update setting out progress on delivery of the Labour manifesto commitments made in 2019, and an update on progress since 7th July 2020 when the last report was provided on the matter to the Commission.

8. RENTS PERFORMANCE BRIEFING [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report, which provides information on the current rent arrears performance and the ongoing impact of the pandemic on rent collection and possession proceedings.

9. VOIDS AND LETTINGS REPORT [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report, which provides an update on void performance for the nine-month period from 1st April to 31st December 2020.

The report also provides information on the short-term measures underway and long-term aspirations to improve void relet times.

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

The Director of Housing submits a report, which provides an update on the work of the Empty Homes Team to bring long term private sector homes back into use.

11. WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix G](#)

The Commission's Work Programme is submitted for information and comment.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS