



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 1 AUGUST 2022

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Scrutiny Commission

Councillor Westley (Chair)
Councillor Chamund (Vice Chair)

Councillors Ali, Aqbany, Crewe, Fonseca, Gee, and Pantling

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

For Monitoring Officer

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Further information

If you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact:

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Or email Jason.tyler@leicester.gov.uk

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AGENDA

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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 6 June 2022 are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members will be asked to note the Terms of Reference for Scrutiny Commissions as set out in the Council's Constitution. See Leicester City Council's Constitution here.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/how-we-work/our-Constitution>

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

Members will be asked to note the membership of the Commission for 2022/23:

Councillor Westley (Chair)
Councillor Chamund (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Ali
Councillor Aqbany
Councillor Fonseca
Councillor Gee
Councillor Pantling
Councillor Crewe

6. DATES OF COMMISSION MEETINGS

Members will be asked to note meeting dates of the Commission for 202/23 which are as follows:

Mon 6 June 2022
Mon 1 August 2022
Mon 19 September 2022
Mon 7 November 2022
Mon 9 January 2023
Mon 27 February 2023

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. RENT ARREARS YEAR END REPORT

Appendix B

The Director of Housing submits a report, which provides an update on the on the rent arrears progress over the full financial year, from April 2021 to March 2022.

10. HOUSING MANIFESTO DELIVERY - UPDATE

Appendix C

The Director of Housing submits a report, which provides a progress update and sets out progress on delivery of the Labour manifesto commitments made in 2019.

11. UPDATE ON HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAMME

Appendix D

The Director of Housing submits a report, which sets out progress towards meeting the manifesto commitment on units either completed or now in progress to be delivered.

12. REPAIRS, GAS AND VOIDS PERFORMANCE **Appendix E**

The Director of Hosing submits a report, which provides an update on the performance of the Division's Repairs and Maintenance service including the Voids and Gas functions, over the last financial year, 2021-22. The report also provides an update on the implementation of service improvements that will drive improved performance into the future.

13. DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT / HOUSING ADAPTATION **Appendix F**

The Director of Housing will give a presentation regarding the Disabled Adaptations, HRA & Disabled Facility Grants.

The presentation slides are also attached.

14. WORK PROGRAMME **Appendix G**

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

15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS