



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Committee

Councillor Joel (Chair)

Councillor Zaman (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Adatia, Aqbany, Mahesh, O'Neill, Singh Patel 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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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

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Commission have not been finalised at the time of publication, they will be circulated in due course and Members will be 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

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6. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY UPDATE

Appendix A

The Director of Housing submits a report which presents the new draft of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and associated action plan which has been produced following a review and in line with statutory requirements. The Commission is asked to provide feedback on the draft strategy document.

7. DAMP AND MOULD UPDATE

Appendix B

The Directors of Housing and Neighbourhood & Environmental Services submit a joint report, primarily consisting of a presentation which will be given to the

Commission at its meeting regarding progress in relation to work being undertaken involving damp and mould across Housing stock and the private rented sector. The Commission is asked to comment on the achievements and progress made in relation to the work involving damp and mould and to seek any further clarifications needed.

**8. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE
PERFORMANCE UPDATE REPORT**

The Director of Housing submits a report which provides the Commission with an update on the performance of the Housing Division's Repairs and Maintenance Service. The Commission is asked to comment on the report.

9. HEAT METERING UPDATE **Appendix D**

The Director of Housing submits a report which updates members of the Commission on progress with the heat metering and billing project that the Housing Division are delivering. The Commission is asked to comment on the report.

10. WORK PROGRAMME **Appendix E**

Members of the Commission will be asked to consider the work programme and make suggestions for additional items as it considers necessary.

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS