



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

**DATE: THURSDAY, 9 JULY 2026**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

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

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor O'Neill (Chair)

Councillor Agath (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bora, Chauhan, Gopal, Halford, Singh Sangha and Zaman

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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## **AGENDA**

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#### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To issue a welcome to those present, and to confirm if there are any apologies for absence.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Members will be 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 held on 21 April 2026 have been circulated, and Members will be asked to confirm them as a correct record.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION 2026/27**

The Membership of the Commission will be confirmed and noted.

<b>CHAIR</b>	Councillor Molly O'Neill
<b>VICE CHAIR</b>	Councillor Nags Agath
	Councillor Elaine Halford
	Councillor Mohinder Singh Sangha
	Councillor Syed Zaman
	Councillor Yogesh Chauhan
	Councillor Jayanti Gopal
	Councillor Aasiya Bora

**5. DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION 2026/27**

Members will be asked to note the meeting dates of the commission for 2026-27:

9 July 2026  
7 September 2026  
10 November 2026  
18 January 2027  
1 March 2027

**6. TERMS OF REFERENCE Appendix B**

The Commission will be asked to note the Terms of Reference.

**7. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair is invited to make any announcements as they see fit.

**8. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE**

Any questions, representations and statements of case submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures will be reported.

**9. PETITIONS**

Any petitions received in accordance with Council procedures will be reported.

**10. INTRODUCTION TO HOUSING Appendix C**

The Director of Housing provides an introduction to Housing Scrutiny.

**11. MR X VERBAL UPDATE**

The Director of Housing will provide a verbal update on Mr X.

**12. RENT ARREARS REPORT - APRIL 2025 TO MARCH 2026 Appendix D**

The Director of Housing submits a report on the annual rent arrears progress within the general housing stock.

**13. ENVIRONMENTAL BUDGET 2026/2027 Appendix E**

The Director of Housing Submits a Report outlining the amount of Housing

Revenue Account (HRA) funding that will be invested on housing estates across the city in 2026/2027. This includes the Environmental Budget.

**14. MUTUAL EXCHANGE SWAP SCHEME** [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report outlining the current Mutual Exchange Swap Scheme available to LCC Housing Tenants who have a secure tenancy.

**15. TENANCY SCRUTINY PANEL ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26 AND THE ENGAGEMENT TEAM WORK PROGRAMME - APRIL 2026** [Appendix G](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report providing the Tenant Scrutiny Panel Annual Report 2025/26 and the Engagement Team Work - Programme 2025/26.

**16. WORK PROGRAMME** [Appendix H](#)

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

**17. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**