



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 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 PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix A

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2026 have been circulated, and Members will be asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

5. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE

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

6. PETITIONS

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

7. INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING: LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND (LAHF) [**Appendix B**](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Commission on the fourth round of Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) funding. For Information & Questions Only

8. UPDATE ON THE HOUSING CRISIS DECLARATION AND REFRESH [**Appendix C**](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Commission which sets out the progress on delivery of the Housing Crisis actions.

9. PRIVATE RENTAL SECTOR STRATEGY [**Appendix D**](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Commission which sets out the Council's strategic plans for undertaking work to improve the private rented sector (PRS) across the City of Leicester.

10. THE RENTERS' RIGHTS ACT - UPDATE REPORT [**Appendix E**](#)

The Director of Housing Submits a report to the Commission which provides an update on the previous report provided in March 2026 regarding the Renters' Rights Act phase 1, which has now been implemented.

11. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE PERFORMANCE UPDATE REPORT 2026 [**Appendix F**](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Commission that provides an updated overview of the Repairs and Maintenance (R&M) Team's performance for 2025-26. For Information & Questions Only.

12. ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2025/26 [**Appendix G**](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Commission which provides an annual update on the Council's Corporate Complaints service.

13. 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.

14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

