

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2015

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: G.01 Meeting Room 1 - Ground Floor, City Hall, 115

Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ

Members of the Scrutiny Commission

Councillor Newcombe (Chair) Councillor Alfonso (Vice Chair)

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Councillors Aqbany, Joshi, Mayat, V. Patel, Potter and Westley

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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PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

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 10th December 2014 are attached, and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. 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.

5. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any petitions received in accordance with Council procedures.

6. CITY MAYOR'S DELIVERY PLAN, HOUSING CONTRIBUTION

Appendix B

The Scrutiny Commission is requested to consider and comment on the attached City Mayor's Delivery Plan, Housing Contribution progress as at 30th September 2014.

7. HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY CONSULTATION Appendix C

The Director of Housing submits a report which seeks the view of Members of the Scrutiny Commission on changes to the Housing Allocations Policy.

8. PROVISION OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION Appendix D FOR TEENAGE PARENTS

The Director of Housing submits a report which informs members of the aims of the Homelessness Strategy 2013-2018, and benefits of bringing the teenage parent provision in-house and managing the service by making use of the existing provision within Border House families' hostel.

9. TENANCY MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT Appendix E

The Director of Housing will deliver a presentation to discuss the project, and its aims.

10. HOUSING SPENDING REVIEW AND HOUSING Appendix F TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

The Director of Housing submits a report on the review of Housing Revenue Account (HRA) spending which is part of the City Mayors programme of Spending Reviews.

11. HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK Appendix G PROGRAMME

The current work programme for the Commission is attached. The Commission is asked to consider this and make comments and/or amendments as it considers necessary.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS