



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2015
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 Newcombe (Chair)
Councillor Alfonso (Vice Chair)

Councillors Aldred, Aqbany, Byrne, Cank and Joshi
1 Un-allocated Non-Group Place

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

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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 27th July 2015 are attached, and Members are 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. AREA MANAGERS' BRIEFING - BRAUNSTONE AREA

The Area Manager for Braunstone will deliver a presentation.

7. HOUSING VOIDS PROGRESS REPORT

Appendix B

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide an update on the Division's performance on the turnaround of empty council houses. The report details the steady progress being made against key performance indicators for routine and long-term voids since April 2014. Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission are recommended to receive and note the report.

8. IMPACT OF THE 1% REDUCTION IN RENTS REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

The Director of Housing will give a verbal update on the impact of the required rent reductions.

9. UPDATE FROM CLEANSING SERVICE ON COMMUNAL CLEANING PROGRESS

Appendix C

The Head of Facilities Management will provide information to the Housing Scrutiny Commission on a planned communal cleaning project, following the Communal Cleaning task group review.

10. HOUSING TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

The Programme Manager will deliver a presentation to the Housing Scrutiny Commission on the Housing Transformation Project.

11. MONITORING HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY (12 MONTHS)

Appendix D

The Director of Housing submits a report which seeks the views of Housing Scrutiny Commission Members on the first 12 months of the Homelessness Strategy being fully implemented.

12. HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix E

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.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS