



Leicester  
City Council

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

**DATE: MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2015**

**TIME: 6:15 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.

For Monitoring Officer

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## **AGENDA**

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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**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Commission held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 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**

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any questions, representations or statements of case received in accordance with Council procedures.

#### **6. AREA MANAGERS' BRIEFING - NEW PARKS AREA**

**Appendix B**

The Area Manager for New Parks will deliver a presentation.

#### **7. MANDATORY DIRECT DEBIT RENT PAYMENTS OR CREDIT UNION ACCOUNTS FOR ALL NEW COUNCIL TENANTS**

**Appendix C**

The Director of Housing submits a report which seeks the view of Housing Scrutiny Commission Members on the proposed introduction of mandatory direct debits or credit union rent accounts for all new council tenants from early 2016.

**8. HEATING AND TENANT AND LEASEHOLDER CHARGES** **Appendix D**

The Director of Housing submits a report which seeks the views of Housing Scrutiny Commission Members of proposals to decrease charges for heat and hot water to tenants and leaseholders by 10%, and change the annual service charge to leaseholders who are on district heating to cover the actual cost of delivering the service.

**9. LA HOUSING EVICTIONS 2014-15** **Appendix E**

The Director of Housing submits a report which invites comments from Housing Scrutiny Commission Members on the Council's eviction management processes.

**10. TENANTS FORUM ACTION LOGS** **Appendix F**

The latest Tenants Forum Action Logs are submitted for information.

**11. HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2015-16** **Appendix G**

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**