

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2016

TIME: 6:15 pm

PLACE: Meeting Room G.02, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles

Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ

Members of the Scrutiny Commission

Councillor Newcombe (Chair) Councillor Alfonso (Vice Chair)

Councillors Aqbany, Byrne, Cank, Dawood 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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<u>AGENDA</u>

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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 22 August 2016 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. INTRODUCTION OF HOUSING DIVISION STRUCTURES

Appendix B

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Housing Scrutiny Commission for noting. The report provides an overview of the changes that have taken place within the Housing Division as part of the Housing Transformation Programme, both to the organisational structure and the changes to service delivery.

7. HOUSING SOLUTION REPLACEMENT - NORTHGATE Appendix C NEXT PHASE PROJECT

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Housing Scrutiny Commission for noting. The report provides an overview and update of the next phase of the Housing Solution Replacement (HSR) Programme.

8. RENT ARREARS PROGRESS REPORT - APRIL 2016 Appendix D TO JUNE 2016

The Director of Housing submits a quarterly rent arrears progress report to the Housing Scrutiny Commission for the period April 2016 to June 2016, as requested. Members are asked to note the report.

9. REVIEW OF THE HOUSING REGISTER / HOUSING Appendix E ALLOCATIONS POLICY

The Director of Housing and the Assistant Mayor for Housing submit a report which seeks the comments of the Housing Scrutiny Commission on the proposals to carry out a review of the Housing Register and the Allocations Policy.

10. STAR SERVICES - UPDATE

Appendix F

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Housing Scrutiny Commission which provides an update and overview of the STAR service (Supporting Tenants and Residents) that is currently provided to tenants within Leicester. Members are asked to note the content of the report.

11. WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix G

The work programme is attached. The Commission is asked to comment and/or amend as it considers necessary.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members are asked to note the following dates of meetings:

15th November 2016, 6.15pm – Re-scheduled meeting 28th November 2016, 6.15pm – Meeting Cancelled 19th December 2016, 5.30pm – Special Meeting

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS