



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 10 JULY 2017

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: Meeting Room G.02, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ

Members of the Scrutiny Commission

Councillor Cank (Chair)

Councillor Alfonso (Vice Chair)

Councillors Aqbany, Byrne, Dawood, Halford and Hunter
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 20 March 2017 are attached, and members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Appendix B

Members are asked to note the Terms of Reference for the Housing Scrutiny Commission (attached for information).

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION 2017/18

Members are asked to note the membership of the commission for 2017/18:

Councillor Cank (Chair)
Councillor Alfonso (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Aqbany
Councillor Byrne
Councillor Dawood
Councillor Halford
Councillor Hunter
(1 non-grouped place currently unallocated)

6. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION 2017/18

Members are asked to note that the meeting dates of the commission for the

2017/18 municipal year are currently scheduled as follows, all Monday at 5.30pm:

10 July 2017
14 August 2017
18 September 2017
27 November 2017
18 December 2017 (Special Meeting)
15 January 2018
12 March 2018

7. PETITIONS

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

8. 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.

9. DISTRICT MANAGERS' PRESENTATION - 12 MONTH CHANGES AND CHALLENGES [Appendix C](#)

Members of the commission will receive a presentation on the East District Neighbourhood area, 12 month changes and challenges.

10. GOSCOTE HOUSE - FUTURE USE [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report on the proposed plans for the future use of Goscote House.

Members of the commission are asked to note the contents of the report and will be invited to comment on the proposals.

11. RENT ARREARS PROGRESS REPORT [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits an annual rent arrears progress report for the period April 2016 to March 2017.

Members of the commission will be asked to note the contents of the report and make any comments.

12. TOWER BLOCK FIRE SAFETY REPORT [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide an update on tower block fire safety in Leicester.

Members of the commission will be asked to note the contents of the report.

13. WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix G

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