



Leicester  
City Council

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

**DATE: MONDAY, 14 AUGUST 2017**

**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 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**

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Commission have been circulated, and Members will be 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. FEEDBACK FROM VOIDS TASK GROUP REPORT [Appendix A](#)**

The Director of Housing submits a departmental response to the Housing Scrutiny Voids Task Group, to be presented by the Head of Service.

#### **7. REVIEW OF THE HOUSING REGISTER AND ALLOCATIONS POLICY / WHO GETS SOCIAL HOUSING? [Appendix B](#)**

Presentations on the review of the Housing Register and Allocations Policy, and who may have access to social housing.

**8. PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE UNDER OCCUPATION PROJECT**

**Appendix C**

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Housing Scrutiny Commission on progress against objectives set out in a pilot to tackle under-occupation and overcrowding in Leicester City Council tenancies, and offers options for the next steps in the initiative.

**9. RESPONSIVE HOUSING REPAIRS UPDATE REPORT** **Appendix D**

The Director of Housing submits an update report to the Housing Scrutiny Commission on the Division's performance on the completion of responsive repairs to council properties, and an update on the implementation of service changes previously reported to the Commission and agreed by the Executive in February 2016.

**10. TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' FORUM - MEETING NOTES**

**Appendix E**

The Scrutiny Policy Officer submits for noting the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum Meeting Notes from 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**11. WORK PROGRAMME**

**Appendix F**

Members of the Commission will be asked to consider the work programme and make suggestions for additional items as it considers necessary.

**12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**