

## MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 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.

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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 held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017 have been circulated, 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. QUARTER 1 RENT ARREARS PROGRESS REPORT - Appendix A APRIL 2017 TO JUNE 2017

The Director of Housing submits a report on progress over the quarter from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

# 7. HOUSING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND HOUSING Appendix B CHANNEL SHIFT

The Director of Housing submits a report which provides an overview and update of the Housing System Replacement Programme and Housing Channel

Shift.

### 8. HOMELESSNESS REVIEW & STRATEGY UPDATE Appendix C

The Director of Housing submits an update report on the review of the current homelessness strategy, and sets out the proposed timetable for the publishing of a new homelessness strategy for Leicester. A presentation will be delivered at the meeting.

# 9. TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES - Appendix D EAST AND CENTRAL AREA - FINAL PROPOSALS

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide an overview of progress to date of the Transforming Neighbourhood Services (TNS) Programme, present a summary of the results of engagement work and consultation carried out in the East and Central area of the city, and to set out the proposals that are intended to be implemented by the TNS programme in relation to the East and Central area. the Commission is asked to note the progress made to date, feedback and lessons learned, and are invited to comment on the proposals made in relation to the East and Central area.

#### 10. UPDATE ON TOWER BLOCK FIRE INCIDENT

The Director of Housing will give a verbal update on developments in the investigation into the recent fire incident at Goscote House tower block.

#### 11. WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix E

Members to consider the work programme and make suggestions for additional items as it considers necessary.

#### 12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS