



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 12 MARCH 2018

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 15 January 2018 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

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6. DISCRETIONARY POLICY REVIEW 2017/18

Appendix A

The Director of Housing submits a report to outline the Council's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP), Council Tax Discretionary Relief (CTDR) and Community Support Grant (CSG) policies, and to present key amendments intended to further focus intervention funding towards the prevention of homelessness and managing short term financial crises.

7. GOSCOTE HOUSE

Appendix B

The Director of Housing submits a report to update Members of the Housing

Scrutiny Commission of the long-term future of Goscote House. An update on the sprinklers installation progress will also be provided.

8. VOIDS PERFORMANCE REPORT [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide an update on the Division's performance on the completion of Void repairs to council properties for the third quarter of 2017/18.

The report will also update Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission on progress made on items previously raised in the last report dated 20 November 2017.

9. RESPONSIVE HOUSING REPAIRS PERFORMANCE REPORT [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide an update to Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission on the Division's performance on the completion of responsive repairs to council properties.

The report will also provide a final update about the implementation of service changes reported to the Housing Scrutiny commission and agreed by the Executive in February 2016.

10. DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REPORT [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report on the District priorities and performances.

11. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PERFORMANCE [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide an update on the current performance of Housing Services in managing and dealing with reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) on our Council Housing estates. The vast majority of these involve council tenants but can also involve leaseholders and private owners if the dispute is with a council tenant.

12. INCOME MANAGEMENT TEAM VISIT

The Chair will provide a verbal update on the visit Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission took to the Income Management Team.

13. TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' FORUM ACTION AND DECISION LOG [Appendix G](#)

The Scrutiny Policy Officer submits for noting the Tenant Forum Meeting Notes from 18 January 2018.

14. WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix H](#)

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

15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS