



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 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.

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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 18 September 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. GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO HOUSING SAFETY COSTS - SPRINKLER PROGRAMME UPDATE [Appendix A](#)

The Director of Housing has attached for information a government response on fire safety funding assistance. An update on sprinkler project work in Leicester will also be given.

7. VOIDS PERFORMANCE REPORT [Appendix B](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report for information to Members of the Commission on the performance of the Voids and Property Lettings Team for

the first quarter of 2017/18, inform them of changes in the way void properties are dealt with as a result of the Housing Transformation Review implemented in November 2016, and let Members know what the impact of those changes have been on those allocated a council house and the staff that work in the service area.

8. EMPTY HOMES ANNUAL REPORT [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report for information to update the Commission on the work carried out by the Empty Homes Team, targets and the proposed change in the way the number of long-term empty homes are reported.

9. TECHNICAL SERVICES PROGRAMME OVERVIEW [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report for information to the Commission, which provides Members with an update of the second phase of the Technical Services Programme.

10. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT SPENDING REVIEW - PHASE 4 (HOUSING TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME) [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to update the Commission on savings delivered to date for the Housing Transformation Programme, progress with the programme and to consider at an early stage the proposals set out in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for the three years from 2018/19 to 2020/21, which will be presented in detail to Scrutiny on 18 December 2017. The Commission Members are asked to consider the report and are invited to make any comments to the Assistant Mayor (Housing).

11. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME: REVIEW OF 2013-2017 AND PROPOSALS FOR 2017/18 ONWARDS [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Commission. The Commission is recommended to note the annual need for 786 units of affordable housing in the city, the 707 completions of new Affordable Housing achieved over the past four years, and the planned 764 units of new supply of Affordable Housing for the next four years, the new supply of which is dependent upon sufficient additional funding be released by the Council and upon the government confirming a sustainable revenue funding approach for supported housing.

12. TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' FORUM - MEETING NOTES [Appendix G](#)

The Scrutiny Policy Officer submits for noting the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum meeting notes from 28 September 2017.

13. 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.

14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS