



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 20 AUGUST 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 Westley (Chair)

Councillor Alfonso (Vice Chair)

Councillors Aqbany, Byrne, Corral, Joshi and Willmott
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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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 25 June 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

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any questions, representations or statements of case received in accordance with Council procedures.

6. PREPARING FOR WINTER: PRESENTATION [Appendix A](#)

Officers will give a presentation on the extreme cold weather which Europe and Britain experienced in February 2018, boiler issues which households encountered at this time and information as to how people can prepare for the winter season.

7. REVISION OF CONDITIONS OF TENANCY [Appendix B](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report on the current conditions of tenancy used by Leicester City Council which are in need of modernisation and

updating. As such, a project group was set up in 2017 to look at revising the Tenancy Agreement in light of the changing legislation.

8. THE HOUSING COMPANY **Appendix C**

The Director of Housing submits a report to update members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission on the council's decision to set up a Housing Company.

9. VOID PERFORMANCE REPORT: QUARTER 1 **Appendix D**

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide the Housing Scrutiny Commission with an update on the Division's performance on the completion of Void repairs to council properties for quarter 1 year 2018/19.

10. EMPTY HOMES UPDATE **Appendix E**

The Director Housing submits a report to update members of the Housing Scrutiny commission on the work that the Empty Homes Team are doing to bring long term private sector homes back into use.

11. RENT ARREARS: QUARTER 1 **Appendix F**

The Director of Housing submits a report to inform Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission of progress in the above area of work over the first quarter, from 2nd April 2018 to 1st July 2018.

12. TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' FORUM ACTION AND DECISION LOG **Appendix G**

The Scrutiny Policy Officer submits for noting the Tenants' and Leaseholders Forum Meeting Notes from 26 July 2018.

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