



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2018

TIME: 5:30 pm

**PLACE: Meeting Room G.01 - 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 20 August 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. GOSCOTE HOUSE DEMOLITION AND SPRINKLER INSTALLATION UPDATE [Appendix A](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to update Members of the Housing Scrutiny Commission on the progress that has been made since the decision to decommission and demolish Goscote House was made on the 24th April 2018.

In addition, the report will provide an update on the current situation regarding the installation of sprinklers to the high-rise blocks of flats since the decision was made in July 2017, that the Council would install sprinklers in all 5-council owned high rise blocks.

7. HOUSING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AND HOUSING CHANNEL SHIFT [Appendix B](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide an overview and update of the Housing System Replacement Programme and Housing Channel Shift.

8. RESPONSIVE HOUSING REPAIRS PERFORMANCE REPORT [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to provide an update on the Division's performance on the completion of responsive repairs to council properties. The report will also provide an update about the implementation of service changes.

9. WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix D](#)

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

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

11. RIGHT TO BUY CONSULTATION DRAFT RESPONSE [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report on the council's proposed response to the government's consultation on the future of Right To Buy.

Members are asked to note the report and make any amendments.

The report is attached for Members only, as it is still in draft form.

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