



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 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, Corrall, Joshi, Newcombe and Willmott

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 8th October 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. RENT ARREARS PROGRESS REPORT - JULY 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 2018 [Appendix A](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to inform Members of the Scrutiny Commission of progress over the first quarter from 2nd July 2018 to 30th September 2018. Members are asked to note the report.

7. SHELTERED HOUSING [Appendix B](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report on sheltered accommodation which includes recommendations and proposed new measures, based on

consultation with residents, to improve the living conditions for existing residents, and make sheltered accommodation more appealing to prospective tenants. The Scrutiny Commission Members are recommended to note the proposed improvements and feed back any observations and comments to the Director of Housing or to the Executive.

8. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY UPDATE [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to inform Members of the Scrutiny Commission of the progress to date in implementing Leicester's Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023. The Commission Members are asked to note the report.

9. EMPTY HOMES UPDATE [Appendix D](#)

The Director of 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. Commission Members are asked to note the report.

10. TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDER'S FORUM ACTION AND DECISION LOG [Appendix E](#)

The Scrutiny Policy Officer submits for noting the Tenants' and Leaseholders Forum Meeting Notes from 27 September 2018.

11. WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix F](#)

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

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS