



Leicester
City Council

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 17 DECEMBER 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. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any petitions received in accordance with Council procedures.

4. 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.

5. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET (INCLUDING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20 TO 2021/22

Appendix A

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Housing Scrutiny Commission to consider the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for the three years from 2019/20 to 2021/22, and is set in the context of the government requirement that rents are reduced by 1% per annum for the four-year period from 2016 to 2020. The proposed budget includes the final year of the four-year rent reduction.

The Housing Scrutiny Commission is recommended to:

- i) Note the financial pressures on the HRA and comment on the proposals for delivering a balanced budget;
- ii) Note the proposed reduction in rent of 1%, increase in service charges of 2% (excluding district heating and communal cleaning), and

increase in garage rent of 3.7% for 2019/20;
iii) Note the proposal for Hostel rents to remain unchanged.

6. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS