



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 5 AUGUST 2019

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 Nangreave (Vice Chair)

Councillors Aqbany, Gee, O'Donnell, Pickering 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

Appendix A

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Commission held on 11th March 2019 have been circulated, and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Appendix B

Members are asked to note the Terms of Reference for the Housing Scrutiny Commission (attached for information).

5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION 2019/20

Members are asked to note the membership of the Commission for 2019/20:

Councillor Westley (Chair)
Councillor Nangreave (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Aqbany
Councillor Gee
Councillor O'Donnell
Councillor Pickering
Councillor Willmott
(1 non-grouped place currently unallocated)

6. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION 2019/20

Members are asked to note that the meeting dates of the Commission for the

2019/20 municipal year are currently scheduled as follows, all to take place on Mondays at 5.30pm:

5 August 2019
16 September 2019
4 November 2019
6 January 2020
17 February 2020
20 April 2020

7. PETITIONS

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

8. 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.

9. MANIFESTO HOUSING COMMITMENTS

The Chair will provide details of the manifesto programme relating to the Commission's remit.

10. RENT ARREARS PROGRESS REPORT - APRIL 2018 TO MARCH 2019 [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Housing Scrutiny Commission of progress on rent arrears from April 2018 to March 2019.

11. EMPTY HOMES: UPDATE REPORT [Appendix D](#)

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

12. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a presentation to the Scrutiny Commission on the ongoing work to implement to the Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023 since the last report to Housing Scrutiny in November 2018.

13. TENANTS FORUM MEETING NOTES [Appendix F](#)

The Scrutiny Policy Officer submits for noting the Tenants' and Leaseholders Forum Meeting Notes from 6th June 2019.

14. TASK GROUPS

Members are invited to propose topics for review.

15. WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix G

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

16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS