



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 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
(1 unallocated non-grouped 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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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 7th October 2019 are attached, 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 AND SPRINKLER INSTALLATION UPDATE

Appendix B

The Director of Housing submits a report for information to update Members of the Commission on the current situation regarding the demolition of Goscote House and the installation of sprinklers in the four remaining tower blocks.

7. SAFETY COMPLIANCE

Appendix C

The Director of Housing submits a report for noting to the Commission which provides information on how the Housing Division manage the risks associated

to water hygiene, fire safety and asbestos.

8. COUNCIL HOUSING GAS & HEATING SERVICES - RESPONSIBILITIES AND WINTER PREPARATIONS [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Housing submits a presentation for noting to the Commission to update on the responsibilities and winter preparations for the Council's housing gas and heating services.

9. HRA CAPITAL PROGRAMME [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Housing submits a presentation for noting to the Commission which provides information on the HRA Capital Programme.

10. MANIFESTO DELIVERY - HOUSING [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report for noting to update the Commission on progress on delivery of the Labour manifesto commitments made in 2019.

11. WHO GETS SOCIAL HOUSING [Appendix G](#)

The Director of Housing submits a presentation for information to the Commission on the Housing register, lettings, and tenant overcrowding and under-occupation.

12. TENANTS' AND LEASEHOLDERS' FORUM ACTION AND DECISION LOG [Appendix H](#)

The Scrutiny Policy Officer submits for noting the Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forum Action Log from 8th October 2019.

13. WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix I](#)

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