



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: MONDAY, 13 JANUARY 2020
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 4 November 2019 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. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET (INCLUDING CAPITAL PROGRAMME) 2020/21

Appendix B

The Director of Housing submits a report to the Housing Scrutiny Commission to consider the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for the 3 years from 2020/21 to 2022/23.

The Housing Scrutiny Commission are recommended to:

- i. Note the financial pressures on the HRA and comment on the proposals for delivering a balanced budget;

- ii. Note the comments from the Tenants' & Leaseholders' Forum for discussion;
- iii. Comment on the proposed changes to rent and service charges for 2020/21:
 - 2.7% increase to core rent
 - 2.7% increase to garage rent
 - 2.0% increase to hostel rent
 - 2.0% increase to service charges
 - no changes to sundry payments and charges.

7. LEICESTER'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY CONVERSATION

Appendix C

The Director of Estates and Building Services submits a report to inform Members about draft proposals for the city's response to the climate emergency, as well as the associated programme of community consultation and engagement entitled "Leicester's Climate Emergency Conversation".

The Housing Commission is recommended to:

- a) note the progress made since the climate emergency declaration, including the consultation and engagement programme currently underway;
- b) comment on the proposals for discussion, including their implications for the city and for the Council;
- c) ask all Councillors to help to publicise the Climate Emergency Conversation through their role as Ward Councillors; and
- d) note the next steps for the development and adoption of a Council action plan to address the climate emergency.

8. 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.

9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS