

# Cambridge City Council

## Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 June 2019

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** Committee Room 1 & 2, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

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### Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes (Pages 5 - 14)
- 4 Appointment of Vice-Chair (Tenant/Leaseholder Rep) for 2019/20
- 5 Public Questions
- 6 To Note Decision Taken by the Executive Councillor for Housing  
To note the decision to the Executive Councillor for Housing since the last meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Committee.
- 6a Testing of Electrical Wiring Installations in Council Houses (Pages 15 - 18)

### Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Housing

#### Part 1: To be chaired by Vice Chair (Tenant/Leaseholder Representative)

- 7 2018/19 Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances (Pages 19 - 38)

#### Part 2: To be taken by the Chair of the Committee

### Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Housing

- 8 2018/19 General Fund Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances (Pages 39 - 48)
- 9 New Build Housing - Campkin Road (Pages 49 - 74)

- 10 The Homelessness Reduction Act – 12 Month Review (Pages 75 - 86)
- 11 Update on the Programme to Build New Council Homes Funded Through the Combined Authority (Pages 87 - 104)

**Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The following report contains exempt information during which the public is likely to be excluded from the meeting subject to determination by the Scrutiny Committee following consideration of a public interest test. This exclusion would be made under paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 12 Compulsory Purchase of Long-term Empty Property (Pages 105 - 140)

**Housing Scrutiny Committee Members:** Todd-Jones (Chair), Bird (Vice-Chair), Cantrill, Hadley, Lord, Porrer, Sheil and Thittala

**Alternates:** Barnett, McGerty and O'Reilly

**Tenants and Leaseholders:** Lulu Agate (Tenant Representative), Diane Best (Leaseholder Representative), Kay Harris (Tenant Representative), Diana Minns (Tenant Representative), Christabella Amiteye (Tenant Representative) and Jean-Louis Ayivor (Tenant Representative)

**Executive Councillors:** Johnson (Executive Councillor for Housing)

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### Housing Scrutiny Committee

#### Terms of Reference

**A.** Overview and scrutiny of the strategic and other housing functions for which the Executive Councillor for Housing is responsible, including responsibility for the development of housing strategies and policies, tackling homelessness, the Council's housing responsibilities with regard to the private rented sector, bringing vacant homes back into use, the development of new homes and partnership working with other housing providers.

**B.** Overview and scrutiny of functions relating to the management of the Council's housing stock.

**C.** To be the main discussion forum between the Council, its tenants and its leaseholders for all matters relating to the landlord function of Cambridge City Council.

<b>Membership</b>
City Councillors (Such number as shall be decided by the Council from time to time)
Six elected tenants and leaseholders of Cambridge City Council of whom at least five shall be tenants of Cambridge City Council.
<b>Appointment of tenant and leaseholder members</b>
Tenant and leaseholder members shall be co-opted by the Scrutiny Committee following the procedure for election set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4E.
<b>Voting</b>
Tenant and leaseholder members are voting members in respect of matters concerning the management of the Council's housing stock (Part 1 of the agenda.) Tenant and leaseholder members may contribute to discussion of other matters (Part 2 of the agenda) but shall not have a vote.
<b>Appointment of Chair</b>
The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee shall be appointed by the Council and be a councillor and shall chair Part 2. The Vice-chair shall be nominated by the elected tenants and leaseholders and shall chair Part 1 if present. If the Chair or Vice-chair is not present, a councillor shall be appointed as the Vice-chair for that meeting.
<b>Other matters relating to elected tenants and leaseholders</b>
These are set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules in Part 4E. They include information about the roles, responsibilities and training of tenant and leaseholder representatives, expenses and allowances, and the circumstances in which they may cease to be members of the Committee.