

Cambridge City Council

Housing Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 22 June 2021

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Corn Exchange, Cambridge

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Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes (Pages 7 - 34)
- 4 Appointment of Vice-Chair (Tenant/Leaseholder Rep) for 2021/22 and Introduction of Tenant and Leaseholder Representatives
- 5 Public Questions

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

Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Housing

- 6 Resident Involvement Strategy 2021-2024 (Pages 35 - 64)
- 7 Procurement of Contractor(s) to Deliver Planned Building Maintenance Work - 2022-2028 (Pages 65 - 70)
- 8 Procurement of Contractor(s) to Deliver Compliance Work – November 2022 – March 2027 (Pages 71 - 76)
- 9 Housing Services Communal Cleaning (Pages 77 - 82)
- 10 2020/21 Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Outturn, Carry Forwards and Significant Variances (Pages 83 - 104)

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

Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Housing

- 11 Social Housing Lettings Policy (Pages 105 - 172)
- 12 Purchase of Additional Affordable Housing, The (Pages 173 -

	Mews, Histon Road	180)
13	Greater Cambridge Housing Strategy – New Housing Policies	(Pages 181 - 226)

14 Refugee Resettlement Programme

A key decision by the Executive Councillor for Housing is required which has not been on the Forward Plan giving 28 days notice of that decision. Under the Constitution, Part 4B-Access to Information Procedure Rules, this decision can still be taken if a notice is given setting out the reasons why compliance with the publicity requirement is impractical.

A policy decision is required to facilitate the Council's stated commitment to supporting the resettlement of refugees (coordinated by the Home Office) over the next 5 years. Taking the decision at Housing Scrutiny Committee on 22 June allows this decision to be pre-scrutinised before it is taken.

Report to follow.

Housing Scrutiny Committee Members: Bird (Chair), Sheil (Vice-Chair), Bennett, Dalzell, Wood, Gilderdale, Lee, Pounds and Robertson

Alternates: Copley, Page-Croft, Sargeant and Sweeney

Tenants and Leaseholders: Lulu Agate (Tenant Representative), Christabella Amiteye (Tenant Representative), Diane Best (Leaseholder Representative), Mandy Powell-Hardy (Tenant Representative), Diana Minns (Tenant Representative) and Colin Stevens (Tenant Representative)

Executive Councillors: Todd-Jones (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.
Membership
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.
Appointment of tenant and leaseholder members
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.
Voting
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.
Appointment of Chair

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.

Other matters relating to elected tenants and leaseholders

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.