

Cambridge City Council

Housing Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 24 January 2023

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ

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Agenda

This is the first circulation agenda containing agenda item 7, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Setting Report. A second circulation of the remaining reports will be published on 12 January 2023.

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes (Pages 5 - 24)
- 4 Public Questions

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

Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Housing

- 5 E&F Compliance Update
- 6 Housing Ombudsman determinations
- 7 HRA Budget-Setting Report (BSR) 2023/24 (Pages 25 - 142)

The Homes England Audit (Appendix M) 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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Housing

- 8 Regular update on the development and delivery of new council homes

- 9 Void Management Policy
- 10 Homelessness Prevention Grants to Agencies 2023-24
- 11 Report on Proposed Development Scheme at Corner East Road and St Matthews Street
- 12 To Note Decision Taken by the Executive Councillor for Housing
- 12a Acquisition of Property (Pages 143 - 156)

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Housing Scrutiny Committee Members: Thittala Varkey (Chair), Robertson (Vice-Chair), S. Baigent, Gawthrop Wood, Holloway, Howard, Lee, Porrer and Pounds

Alternates: Bennett, Carling, Herbert, Levien and Page-Croft

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: Bird (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.