

Cambridge City Council

Housing Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Market Square, Cambridge, CB2 3QJ [access the building via Peashill entrance]

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Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Interest
- 3 Minutes (Pages 5 - 16)
- 4 Appointment of Vice-Chair (Tenant/Leaseholder Rep) for 2023/24 and introduction of Tenant and Leaseholder Representatives
- 5 Petition - Save St Thomas's Play Park
A petition has been received containing over 50 valid signatures stating the following:

Statement:

We the undersigned petition the council Review the emerging plans to develop this play park and important local green space that is protected in the Cambridge Local Plan 2018. Recognise the existing lack of public open space in Coleridge ward, one of the lowest five wards in the City for available public open space. Stand by the many public statements and policies that the Council has made that say they recognise the importance of green spaces to the health and wellbeing of residents.

Justification:

The proposal to take away this protected play area needs to be reconsidered, whilst the use of garage sites to provide housing makes sense, the principle of losing existing public open spaces in wards with current open space deficits should not be contemplated.

The petition organiser will be given 5 minutes to present the petition at the meeting and the petition will then be discussed by Councillors for a maximum of 15 minutes.

6 Public Questions

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

Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Housing and Homelessness

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| 7 | E&F Compliance Update | (Pages 17 - 22) |
| 8 | Damp and Mould Self Assessment and Policy | (Pages 23 - 78) |
| 9 | Leaseholder Income Management Policy Changes | (Pages 79 - 96) |
| 10 | HRA Outturn Report 2022/23 | (Pages 97 - 118) |

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

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| 11 | Update on New Build Council Housing Delivery | (Pages 119 - 134) |
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Housing Scrutiny Committee Members: Pounds (Chair), Robertson (Vice-Chair), Griffin, Holloway, Lee, Martinelli, Tong, Thittala Varkey and Wade

Alternates: Howard, Levien, Porrer and Swift

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

Executive Councillors: Bird (Executive Councillor for Housing and Homelessness)

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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.