

Cambridge City Council

Housing Scrutiny Committee

Date: Tuesday, 23 January 2024

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 - 14)
- 4 Public Questions

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

Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Housing

- 5 Compliance Report (Pages 15 - 40)
- 6 HRA Budget-Setting Report (BSR) 2024/25 (Pages 41 - 154)

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

Decisions for the Executive Councillor for Housing and Homelessness

- 7 Homelessness Prevention Grants to Agencies 2024-25 (Pages 155 - 168)
- 8 Update on New Build Council Housing Delivery (Pages 169 - 192)
- 9 Purchase of new affordable housing - Newbury Farm, Worts' Causeway (Pages 193 - 216)
- 10 To Note Decision Taken by the Executive Councillor for Housing and Homelessness
- 10a Homelessness Decision Reviews (Pages 217 - 224)

Housing Scrutiny Committee Members: Pounds (Chair), Robertson (Vice-Chair), Griffin, Holloway, Lee, Porrer, Swift, Thittala Varkey and Tong

Alternates: Bennett, Levien, Nestor and Young

Tenants and Leaseholders: 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.