



COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 27th June 2023

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Communities Scrutiny Committee**, which will be held at:

Council Chamber - Civic Offices
on **Tuesday 27th June 2023** at **7.00 pm**

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Members: Councillors A Patel (Chairman), J Lucas (Vice-Chairman), R Brookes, J Jogia, J Lea, M Markham, , C McCann, S Murray, Caroline Pond, R Sharif and S Yerrell.

Co-opted Member: W Marshall

SUBSTITUTE NOMINATION DEADLINE: 6.00PM

This meeting will be broadcast live and recorded for repeated viewing.

1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

The Chairman will read the following announcement:

“I would like to remind everyone present that this meeting will be broadcast live to the internet (or filmed) and will be capable of repeated viewing (or another use by such third parties).

Therefore, by entering the Council Chamber and using the seating area, you are consenting to being filmed and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for webcasting and/or training purposes.”

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To be announced at the meeting.

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3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare interests in any item on this agenda.

5. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 8)

The Council approved a new scrutiny committee structure on 4 April 2023. The Communities Scrutiny Committee are invited to agree the notes of the last meeting of the Stronger Communities Select Committee held on 21 March 2023.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE & WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 9 - 12)

(Chairman/Lead Officer) To consider, comment and propose any amendments to the draft Terms of Reference and Work Programme, for consideration and approval by The Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

7. RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT STRATEGY (Pages 13 - 80)

To consider comment and recommend the draft Property & Housing Services Resident Involvement Strategy, to Cabinet for approval.

8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that the next meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee will be held at 7.00pm on 26 September 2023.

9. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Exclusion: To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or are confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
10	HOUSING REPAIRS VALUE FOR MONEY	3

The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, which came

into effect on 1 March 2006, requires the Council to consider whether maintaining the exemption listed above outweighs the potential public interest in disclosing the information. Any member who considers that this test should be applied to any currently exempted matter on this agenda should contact the proper officer at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Background Papers: Article 17 - Access to Information, Procedure Rules of the Constitution define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and
- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report and does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

The Council will make available for public inspection for four years after the date of the meeting one copy of each of the documents on the list of background papers.

10. HOUSING REPAIRS VALUE FOR MONEY (Pages 81 - 128)

To consider the attached housing repairs value for money report.