

Notice of Meeting

Housing & Communities Select Committee

Monday, 13 May 2024 at 6.30 pm

Committee Room 1, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London, W8 7NX

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Membership: Cllr Claire Simmons (Chair), Cllr Greg Hammond (Vice-Chair), Cllr Joanna Gardner, Cllr Will Lane, Cllr Lloyd North, Cllr Marie-Therese Rossi and Cllr Linda Wade

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Agenda

72 SECONDS' SILENCE

There will be 72 seconds' silence to remember those who lost their lives in the Grenfell tragedy.

Pages

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

Any Member of the Committee, or any other Member present in the meeting room, who has a disclosable pecuniary interest, in a matter to be considered at the meeting is reminded to disclose the interest to the meeting and to leave the room while any discussion or vote on the matter takes place.

Members are also reminded that if they have any other significant interest in a matter

to be considered at the meeting, whether registered or not, which they feel should be declared in the public interest, such interests should be declared to the meeting. In such circumstances Members should consider whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard the interest as so significant that it is likely to prejudice their consideration or decision making. If the Member considers that to be the case, they should leave the room while any discussion or vote on the matter takes place.

- 3. Minutes of Previous Meeting** 5 - 18
The minutes of the meetings held on 1 February 2024 and 6 February 2024 are submitted for confirmation.
- 4. Communities Performance Information** 19 - 46
This report and its appendices are provided to allow the Committee to consider the performance of the Communities department in Q2 and Q3 for 2023/24 and to advise on how they would like to consider similar data in future.
- 5. Leasehold Service Charges** 47 - 62
The report describes the system and process for calculating service charges for leaseholders and tenants. These costs have recently increased significantly bringing into question the transparency of the process and the accuracy of the charges. The committee is requested to review and comment on the transparency of the process and resultant accuracy of the charges and to recommend any improvements.
- 6. Housing and Social Investment Performance Information** 63 - 84
This report and its appendices are provided to allow the Committee to consider the Housing Needs, Housing Management and the Social Investment and Property Performance Updates up to the end of March 2024.
- 7. Report on Residents' Repairs Conference** 85 - 92
This report provides a summary of the 4 March 2024 Resident Conference on repairs, maintenance and upgrades which formed part of the Housing and Communities Committee's annual work programme for 2023/24.
- 8. Work Programme Report** 93 - 102

The next ordinary meeting of the Housing & Communities Select Committee will take place
at
6.30 pm on Wednesday, 3 July 2024

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