

# Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Commission

Monday 21 November 2022

7.00 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

## Membership

Councillor Ellie Cumbo (Chair)  
Councillor Jane Salmon (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Sam Foster  
Councillor Barrie Hargrove  
Councillor Esme Hicks  
Councillor Portia Mwangangye  
Councillor Emily Tester  
Basseyy Basseyy (Co-opted member)  
Cris Claridge (Co-opted member)  
Ina Negoita (Co-opted member)

## Reserves

Councillor Sam Dalton  
Councillor Ketzia Harper  
Councillor Adam Hood  
Councillor Hamish McCallum  
Councillor Kimberly McIntosh  
Councillor Leo Pollak  
Councillor Joseph Vambe

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

**Althea Loderick**

Chief Executive

Date: 11 November 2022



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### **PART A OPEN BUSINESS**

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

#### **2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT**

In special circumstances, an item of business may be added to an agenda within five clear working days of the meeting.

#### **3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS.**

Members to declare any interests and dispensations in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.

#### **4. MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2022.

**5. FIRE COMMANDER INTERVIEW- LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK**

To receive a report and interview Verona Clark, Borough Commander for the Southwark Fire Brigade on key Fire Safety Issues listed below:

- Key fire safety issues across the borough.
- Support efforts to enhance fire safety, as scrutiny commission members, and also as ward councillors.
- Updates since last year on figures of buildings in the borough with known safety issues relating to cladding, and/or measures in place to counter potential serious safety hazards.
- Updates since last year on the impact of Covid on the service and its effect on response times and/or broader service levels.
- Fire safety risks posed by empty homes in the borough and mitigating them.
- Additional areas/information for the commission to note and/or review.
- The comparison of Bonfire night, fireworks incidents attended this year compared to last few years.

*(Report to follow)*

**6. CABINET MEMBER INTERVIEW - COUNCILLOR DARREN MERRILL, CABINET MEMBER FOR COUNCIL HOMES AND HOMELESSNESS**

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Interview with Councillor Darren Merrill including a holistic overview of key strategies and projects under the Cabinet member portfolio for Council Homes and Homelessness. Including the following topics but not limited to

- Housing repairs service including the contact centre service, multiple failures, repeated calls, contractors and an update on the new strategy in development. *(Report attached)*.

- Leaseholder Charges, Value for Money (VFM) for charges and transparency of accounts supported by asset management team. *(Report to follow)*
- Empty homes

**7. HOUSING ALLOCATION STATISTICS AND OVERCROWDING REPORT**

To note the report on Housing Allocations Statistics and Overcrowding from Cheryl Russell, Director of Resident Services, Housing and Modernisation and Karen Shaw, Head of Housing Solutions. *(Report to follow)*

**8. WORK PROGRAMME 2022-2023**

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To consider the work programme for the 2022-2023 year.

**DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER OPEN ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING.**

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