

COMMUNITY & HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**When: 19:00 hrs
8 September 2022**

**Where: Room 1.02, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East,
Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ,**

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Councillors Balazs (Vice-Chair), K Bradburn, Bowyer, Hernshaw, Hume, M Khan, Long (Vice-Chair), Montague, Nazir and Wallis

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair to welcome members of the committee, officers, any external witnesses, and the public to the meeting and introduce committee members, officers and witnesses who are present.

2. Apologies

To receive any apologies.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, or personal interests (including other pecuniary interests), they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to disclose any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

4. Minutes

To approve, and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Community and Housing Scrutiny Committee held on 19 July 2022 (Item 4) (**pages 5 to 11**).

5. Community Safety in Milton Keynes

The Committee will receive an oral report from Marc Tarbit, Area Commander MK, Thames Valley Police, updating the Committee on comparative crime levels, including knife crime, in Milton Keynes.

A table setting out Comparative Crime data, benchmarked against other areas with a similar population to Milton Keynes, for the year ending 31 March 2022 is attached as Item 5a (**page 13**). The figures for year ending 30 June 2021 are included for comparison as Item 5b (**page 15**).

As part of its remit to scrutinise Community Safety, the Committee will also receive and discuss a presentation on the work being done by Trading Standards to alert residents in Milton Keynes about the dangers posed by scammers and those seeking to exploit the vulnerable (Item 5c) (**pages 17 to 22**).

A number of related items, including a Briefing Note updating the Committee on the work done during the Community Safety Awareness Week in July and an update on the progress of Operation Deter, the Police and Crime Commissioner's initiative to reduce knife crime in Milton Keynes, are included for information at Item 8.

6. Tenancy Policy and Tenancy Strategy

At its meeting on 20 September the Cabinet will be considering approving the Council's new Tenancy Policy and its supporting Tenancy Strategy. This is an opportunity for the Committee to carry out pre-decision Scrutiny on these items

and make any recommendations it may have on these items to Cabinet in time for its September meeting.

The Council's Neighbourhood Services Manager has prepared a report (Item 6) (**pages 23 to 25**) explaining what the Tenancy Policy (Item 6a) (**pages 27 to 54**) and the Tenancy Strategy (Item 6b) (**pages 55 to 63**) cover, why the Council needs them and how they will operate.

7. 2022/23 Work Programme

The Committee's 2022/23 Work Programme is attached for information (Item 7) (**page 65**).

Please note that all scrutiny Work Programmes remain flexible and may be subject to change at short notice depending on circumstances at any one time.

If there are any other items within the Committee's remit which members of the Committee would like to see included in the Work Programme, please bring them to the attention of the Committee's Planning Group (Chair, Vice-Chairs & Scrutiny Officer).

8. Information and Monitoring Items

A number of information and monitoring items are included as Item 8 - any queries or comments on these items should be addressed to the relevant council officers or Cabinet Members.

- a) Community Safety Awareness Week Briefing Note (Item 8a) (**pages 67 to 68**)
- b) Update on Operation Deter (Item 8b) (**pages 69 to 70**)
- c) Safer Streets Funding (Item 8c) (**page 71**)
- d) TVP receive Funding for Domestic Abuse Support Work (Item 8d) (**page 73**)