



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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HOUSING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Housing Committee will be held on **TUESDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2024** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm**

Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive

Please Note: The meeting is being held in the Council Chamber at Stroud District Council and will be streamed live on the Council's [YouTube Channel](#). A recording of the meeting will be published onto the [Council's website](#). The whole of the meeting will be recorded except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of press and public.

If you wish to attend this meeting, please contact democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk. This is to ensure adequate seating is available in the Council Chamber.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES (Pages 5 - 16)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2023.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**
The Chair of the Committee will answer questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS Noon on Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and can be sent by email to democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk

5. **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**
See Agenda Item 4 for deadlines for submission.

6. **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND - FURTHER BID OPPORTUNITY (Pages 17 - 20)**
Following Committee decisions on 31st January and 19th September 2023 approving the submission of capital bids to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for the purchase of accommodation to be held in the Housing Revenue Account for people fleeing conflict, a further short-notice bid opportunity has arisen to take up funds unspent elsewhere. The deadline for this was 19th January 2024.
This report is to formally report the bid to Committee and request approval for the additional capital budget required.
7. **DISTRICT HEATING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING CHARGES 2024/25 (Pages 21 - 26)**
Propose amendments to the fees and charges set out in the December 2023 budget setting papers.
8. **DOMESTIC ABUSE POLICY (Pages 27 - 40)**
To recommend the Domestic Abuse Policy to Housing Committee to ensure support and a sensitive approach to housing solutions for victims of domestic abuse.
9. **LEGIONELLA POLICY (Pages 41 - 78)**
Following the introduction of new reporting requirements from the Social Housing Regulator a new Legionella Policy and Management Plan has been written to ensure compliance with the updated reporting requirements and standards. This is being presented to Housing Committee as the Governing body for the Housing Service.
10. **SWEDISH TIMBER HOUSES - REVIEW (Pages 79 - 98)**
To update the Committee on the review of the council's Swedish Timber Houses and seek approval to the preferred options for each site.
11. **PREPARATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE REGULATION OF SOCIAL HOUSING (Pages 99 - 102)**
To update on the preparations that are underway at Stroud District Council in response to the imminent regulatory changes resulting from the Social Housing Regulation Act.
12. **MEMBER / OFFICER REPORTS**
 - (a) Tenant Representatives
 - (b) Housing Service Review (Pages 103 - 106)
13. **WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 107 - 108)**
To consider the work programme.

Members of Housing Committee

Councillor Mattie Ross (Chair)

Councillor Natalie Bennett
Councillor Stephen Davies
Councillor Katrina Davis
Councillor Colin Fryer
Councillor Lindsey Green

Councillor Lucas Schoemaker (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Christopher Jockel
Councillor Gary Luff
Councillor Jenny Miles
Councillor Loraine Patrick
Councillor Rich Wilsher

Tenant Representatives

Becky Adams

Mike Richter