

## IMPROVING PLACES SELECT COMMISSION

**Date and Time:-** Tuesday 9 July 2024 at 1.30 p.m.

**Venue:-** Rotherham Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

**Membership:-** Councillors McKiernan (Chair), Tinsley (Vice-Chair), Adair, Ahmed, Baggaley, Beresford, C. Carter, Castledine-Dack, Cowen, Havard, Jackson, Jones, Mault, Rashid, Stables, Beck, Thorp and Williams.

**Co-opted Members:-** Mrs. K. Bacon and Mrs. M. Jacques.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view [via the Council's website](#). The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

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### AGENDA

**6. Overview of the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Housing (Pages 3 - 13)**

To consider the overview of the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Housing.

**The next meeting of the Improving Places Select Commission  
will be held on Tuesday 3 September 2024  
commencing at 1.30 p.m.  
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



SHARON KEMP OBE,  
Chief Executive.

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### Cabinet Member for Housing: Councillor Sarah Allen

This portfolio is responsible for the council's housing stock and Rotherham Housing Strategy, increasing access to affordable housing and regulation of private sector landlords.

<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Previous portfolio holder prior to the election in May 2024</b>	<b>Current portfolio holder following the election in May 2024</b>
Responsibility for management, improvement and adaptation of the housing stock	Former Councillor Brookes and Councillor Allen (covering maternity leave)	Councillor Allen
Oversight of the Housing Revenue Account	Former Councillor Brookes and Councillor Allen (covering maternity leave)	Councillor Allen
Housing Strategy and affordability policies	Former Councillor Brookes and Councillor Allen (covering maternity leave)	Councillor Allen
Asset Management (in relation to Housing and HRA assets)	Former Councillor Brookes and Councillor Allen (covering maternity leave)	Councillor Allen
Planning for future housing needs (alongside the Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy)	Former Councillor Brookes and Councillor Allen (covering maternity leave) alongside Councillor Lelliott	Councillor Allen
Selective Licensing and regulation of private landlords	Former Councillor Brookes and Councillor Allen (covering maternity leave)	Councillor Allen
NEW - Reducing homelessness and rough sleeping	Councillor Sheppard	Councillor Allen

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# Improving Places Select Commission 9th July 2024

**Housing Portfolio**  
**Councillor Sarah Allen**



# HOUSING:

## People, Property and Place

- **Estate Management**
- **Property Services**
- **Housing Allocations**
- **Tenant Engagement**
- **Homelessness**
- **Strategic Housing and Development**
- **Inspection**

# Estate Management

- ❖ **Led by Paul Walsh**
- ❖ **Three locality-based Housing teams**
- ❖ **Nearly 20,000 council properties**
- ❖ **One of top 20 Council social landlords in Country**
- ❖ **Tenancy Health checks**
- ❖ **Estate caretaking services**

# PROPERTY SERVICES

- ❑ **Led by Lynsey Stephenson**
- ❑ **Repairs and Maintenance contracts**
- ❑ **Over 90,000 repairs per annum**
- ❑ **Fire, gas, lift compliance testing**
- ❑ **Exponential increase in damp and mould referrals**
- ❑ **Delivered by Mears and Equans**



# HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

- ✓ **Housing Register – 7,200 people**
- ✓ **Allocations Policy – currently being reviewed**
- ✓ **Every individual's needs are assessed**
- ✓ **Placed in bands according to assessed housing need**

# TENANT ENGAGEMENT

- **TPAS accredited exemplar status for work on this**
- **Partnership with Rotherfed**
- **Housing involvement Panel**
- **Tenant Satisfaction Measures**

# HOMELESSNESS

- Huge issue nationally
- Increases locally
- Emergency on the day provision
- Planned provision
- Individual support assessments
- Temporary accommodation

# SOCIAL HOUSING REGULATOR INSPECTION

- ✓ **New, proactive inspection regime**
- ✓ **Review of policy positions**
- ✓ **Compliance testing**
- ✓ **Tenant Satisfaction Measures**
- ✓ **Professionalisation of Housing employees**



**ANY  
QUESTIONS?**

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