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To all Members of the Communities Scrutiny Group

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Group will be held on Thursday, 20 July 2023 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford to consider the following items of business.

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Yours sincerely



Gemma Dennis  
Monitoring Officer

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 March 2023 (Pages 1 - 8)
4. Role and Remit of Communities Scrutiny Group  
The Service Manager – Neighbourhoods will provide a verbal update
5. Review of the Empty Homes Strategy and Council Tax Implications (Pages 9 - 46)  
Report of the Director - Neighbourhoods
6. Work Programme (Pages 47 - 48)  
Report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services

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## Membership

Chair: Councillor G Williams

Vice-Chair: Councillor L Plant

Councillors: M Barney, J Billin, S Ellis, G Fletcher, R Mallender, H Parekh and A Phillips

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