

**Meeting of the Housing and Safer Communities
Select Committee**

**Monday 22nd January, 2024 at 6.00pm
In Committee Room 2, The Council House, Priory Road,
Dudley**

**Agenda - Public Session
(Meeting open to the public and press)**

1. Apologies for absence
2. To report the appointment of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct
4. [To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November, 2023 as a correct record \(Pages 5 – 25\)](#)
5. Public Forum
6. [Annual update on the Safe and Sound Partnership priorities and update on improvements to managing neighbour disputes and anti-social behaviour \(Pages 26 – 42\)](#)
7. [Community Housing Services – The Neighbourhood Approach \(Pages 43 – 53\)](#)
8. [Review of Housing Finance \(Pages 54 – 67\)](#)



9. [Corporate Quarterly Performance Report – Housing and Communities Directorate – Quarter 2 \(1st July – 30th September, 2023\) \(Pages 68 – 97\)](#)
10. [Progress Tracker and Future Business \(Pages 98 – 103\)](#)
11. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days' notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).

Distribution:

Councillor A Davies (Chair)

Councillor S Bothul (Vice-Chair)

Councillors D Bevan, J Cowell, T Creed, P Drake, I Kettle, K Lewis, J Martin, C Reid and M Webb

Cc: Councillor L Taylor-Childs (Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities)



Chief Executive

Dated: 12th January, 2024

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