BRAUNSTONE PARK & ROWLEY FIELDS COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2025

Held at: Brite Centre, Braunstone Avenue, Leicester LE3 1LE.

ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Dr Barton Councillor Halford Councillor Singh Johal

<u>NO.</u>	ITEM	ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING
1.	AGENDA	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.
2.	ACTION LOG	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

Minute Item 2

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Action Log

Tuesday 21st January 2025

Present

Cllr Dr Susan Barton Cllr Elaine Halford Cllr Kulwinder Singh Johal Randeep Singh Mattu (WCEO) Police

Apologies

1.

Item Actions to note

•	Meeting noted the update from Cllrs.

Ward Councillors Feedback

 Issues regarding overflowing drains near the Jaguar Garage and Union Pub on Narborough Road, Cllrs to meet with Highways and Severn Trent to investigate this further.

2. Policing Update

- Meeting noted the update from the Police.
- Kids throwing themselves in the Hedge at the United Reformed Church on Dumbleton and Barbara road.

3. Highways Update

- Meeting noted the update from Highways (See Appendix 1)
- Traffic going into the Community college (Ellesmere) traffic congestion, long tail backs, due to the cycle lane being installed only one lane for traffic.

4. Housing Update

Meeting noted the update from Housing (See Appendix 2)

5.	City Warden Updates	
•	 Meeting Noted the update from City Warden (See Appendix 3) 	



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6.	Ward Community Budget	
• O • W	eeting Noted Ward funding update. pening Balance £19,358 /ard Funding Application Received 24 losing Balance £11,941	

Appendix 1 – Highways Update

Highways Maintenance Works

We continue to inspect the footways and carriageways around the ward and in the last 6 months have found actionable defects as follows:

- Carriageway 122 orders
- Footway 111 orders

As you are aware, this financial year we completed the carriageway resurfacing works on Narborough Road in August, at a total cost of £473,000.

As part of this year's Local Environmental Works program, we have installed 7 bollards on the Narborough Road junction with Hopefield Road and 4 bollards on the Braunstone Avenue junction Valance Road. That is about £5k from the £40k budget.

Road Safety Schemes

The Braunstone Community Primary School 20mph zone was completed in the autumn.

A proposed 20mph scheme for 'Braunstone South' is scheduled for 2025/2026. As always, Ward Cllrs and residents will be consulted at appropriate times.

School Streets

Our Parking Enforcement team continues to visit schools in the ward, at drop off and pick up times to enforce parking restrictions. Latest visits are:

Braunstone Community Primary	03/09/2024 + 04/12/2024 + 03/2025
 Queensmead Primary 	18/10/2024 + 02/2025
 Caldecote Primary 	05/09/2024 + 06/12/2024 + 03/2025
Folville Junior	16/09/2024 + 17/12/2024 + 03/2025
 Imperial Infant 	26/10/2024 + 10/01/2025 + 04/2025
Fulhurst	18/09/2024 + 19/12/2024 + 03/2025

Appendix 2 – Housing Update

1. Tenancy sustainment across the city the past year overall was 96.14%. This equates to Leicester City Council tenancies being sustained for at least 365 days. The tenancy sustainment for tenants in the Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields ward is 94.17%.

The total void properties (LCC stock) are currently 403. This consists of the following:

- 26 properties being ready to let and awaiting new tenants to be signed up.
- 20 properties selected for projects.
- 14 Supported living properties.
- 19 properties being used as decants by Housing Management.
- 36 acquisition properties (where LCC have purchased them).
- and 288 properties are categorized as all other voids, 16 of which are Homeless Pathway voids, and 28 properties are priority request.

Current void properties in the Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields ward = 43 properties. Ready to Let properties in the Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields ward = 2 properties. The average relet time for Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields this financial year currently is 187 days; on average compared to previous year 212.6 days in 2023-2024.

- 2. The Tenant Engagement Sessions were conducted in the last two weeks of September 2024 (one session was held at the Brite Centre in Braunstone). 181 people attended the 6 sessions held across the city. We are now sending out an invite to the people who attended the engagement events last year to discuss the draft Engagement and Communication strategy. The event will take place on 31 January 2025.
- 3. Our annual tenants' satisfaction survey has started (TSM). This year, this is being carried out by <u>Acuity Research</u> and will be conducted face to face over the next 6 weeks or so.
- 4. From March 2025, we will be running a pilot of pop-up housing offices across the city. A housing officer will be on site (for Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields this will be BRITE center) to answer any housing enquires and provide any further advice and assistance. More information will follow regarding this.
- 5. As we are approaching the new financial year, Housing Management are looking at areas for improvement and any potential projects to be undertaken in the ward to enable the officers to then put forward their proposals for funding from the Environment Budget. If there are any areas that the Councilors would like the team to consider, please let us know.

Appendix 3 – City Warden Update

Since the last report, over 37 Community protection warning notices for untidy land/deposit on highways, as well as closed cases passed on to cleansing for fly tipping in the area of Braunstone have been achieved.

Targeting bins out on the public highway, mostly domestic, so have started to issue section 46 to occupants from flats, plan on visiting these flats every few weeks to check progress.

One fixed penalty had been handed out to a resident from Narborough Road under Section 87

Actively patrolling the area via foot and bike, showing a presence, handing out bulky leaflets and knocking on doors if certain issues do not require a notices and educating whilst also staying in contact with external companies who are renting out flats within the area.

Please bring any issues you are facing to the Council's attention by using the "Love Clean Streets app – Love Leicester." The app is easy to use, and you can report litter, fly-tipping, dog fouling or any other environmental problem. The advantage is that you can take a picture of the problem and upload it, tagging the location and including other details so the appropriate team can fix the issue quickly. More information about the app is available here: Love Clean Streets (leicester.gov.uk)