

NORTH EVINGTON COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST 2019

Held at: Masjid At-Taqwa, Community Hall, Mornington Street, Leicester, LE5
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ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Khote (Chair)

Councillor Fonseca

Councillor Joshi

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS, APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	<p>Councillor Khote as Chair led on introductions.</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
2.	ACTION LOG	<p>The action log from the last meeting was noted.</p>
3.	WARD COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	<p>Councillors raised their concerns that there was no City Warden appointed to the North Evington Ward. It was an area of concern as issues with fly tipping and other environmental issues had been raised previously.</p> <p>Continuing issues on Sparrow Park were still causing problems to the residents of the area and Councillors were aware of the on going situation.</p> <p>Councillors suggested they would be in contact with the Lead Director as it was paramount that the ward had a designated City Warden. ACTION: Ward Councillors</p> <p>Councillors were strongly opposing to the Merlyn Vaz Centre being moved out of the area. It was a crucial that the walk-in centre stayed in the ward as it served the people.</p> <p>It was noted that a Diabetes Village had been introduced at the Merlyn Vaz walk-in Centre. This was a 6 months pilot project every Thursday between 10am and 6pm and was free to use for residents.</p> <p>It was noted that the one-way system on Asfordby</p>

		<p>Street and neighbouring streets in the area would go live on 19 August 2019.</p> <p>Parking on east park road and Nottingham street was still causing an issue with the flow of traffic on East Park Road. Councillors were aware of the situation and were working with the Highways Team to help re configure the flow of traffic around that area.</p> <p>Councillors noted that there was an issue with shortage of housing in the ward. It was a popular area for people to live in and it was difficult to allocate people with properties within the ward.</p> <p>Councillors suggested that a door knock to bring surgeries to the residents was a way to directly meet with residents and Councillors would be organising one for the near future. ACTION: Ward Councillors</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>LOCAL POLICING UPDATE</p>	<p>Pc Lorgat, Pc Barber and PCSO Brown were in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>Residents reported anti-social behaviour (ASB) on Sandpiper Close on the Charnwood Estate and the area behind Charny Pub and the Merlyn Vaz Centre car park. It was noted that the police had not had any reports of this but would suggest this area to be added to the patrols that take place.</p> <p>Residents were encouraged to be responsible for closing the gates to the entrances of the stairwell to the flats. The Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader that was in attendance at the meeting stated that the gates were added to the entrances to prevent people other than residents from entering the blocks of flats or courtyard areas.</p> <p>Residents were encouraged to report all incidents to the police. The police stated there were not many reports of any incidents on the estate. Residents were reminded that all reports can be made anonymously and reporting incidents to the police would lead to action being taken.</p> <p>It was noted that the police work closely with the Housing Team and this could help bring the reported ASB on the estate down if it were Council tenants that were causing the issues.</p> <p>The police also suggested that if residents could keep a log of times and dates of incidents which could then</p>

		<p>be passed on to the local officers, this could also be done online and would help the police to tackle the issues on the estate.</p> <p>ASB on the ball court on Overton Road had been reported and work was on going to resolve the problems there.</p> <p>Councillors suggested providing the meeting with statistics of crimes from one meeting to the other, this would help Councillors and residents get a better idea of the issues on the ward. ACTION: Police</p>
5.	HIGHWAYS UPDATE	<p>Mark Govan from the Highways Team was in attendance at the meeting and provided an update on Highways matters.</p> <p>It was reported that there were two main projects that were underway on the ward currently. Firstly, the Green Lane Road corridor which was in its early stages, to improve the flow of traffic and secondly, the introduction of the new road layouts around the Asfordby Street area which would go live on 19 August 2019.</p> <p>Residents welcomed the new changes and the proposals but were concerned with the Harewood Street junction leading onto Uppingham Road. There had been three accidents in recent months and residents were concerned this would lead to something worse.</p> <p>Mark Govan informed residents that Uppingham Road was an A road and the options available were very limited. Speed cameras were not a feasible solution but a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) could be an option.</p> <p>Councillors suggested that maybe a speed cushion at the end of Harewood Street leading onto Uppingham Road could be a solution for slowing cars down pulling out onto the main road.</p>
6.	HOUSING UPDATE	<p>Marlene Blake the Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader was in attendance and updated the meeting with Housing matters.</p> <p>It was noted that cameras had been installed on Redwood Walk to monitor the issue with ASB. The addition of cameras had helped bring down the number of reported incidents on the Redwood walk part of the estate, but reports had increased on the</p>

		<p>Larch Street end. Officers were working on addressing the nuisance behaviour which had led to two evictions being carried out.</p> <p>Previously concerns had been raised on sub-letting of council property, Officers had recovered 3 properties from fraudulent tenants.</p> <p>It was noted that the grass is cut 3 to 4 times a year and that the shrubs are cut annually. This was contracted to an external agency and the contract was being adhered to. It was noted that the Probation Service could be carrying out some of this work.</p> <p>It was noted that the housing block opposite the Marlyn Vaz Walk-In Centre was due to be painted. A bid was also proposed for general improvements on the estates on the ward.</p> <p>Residents were informed that although there was no City Warden allocated to the ward, Housing Officers pick up fly tipping that is left on housing land and areas. It was noted that the green land on the Charnwood Estate was part of Parks Services, but Housing Officers did remove fly tipping that could be removed on their vehicles.</p> <p>A resident from Lilly Road was concerned that a public footpath that passed her home was not safe as people used it for loitering and had caused safety concerns when opening windows. ACTION: Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader to liaise with the correct department.</p> <p>Residents were informed that to close of any public footpath the Council required a Public Space Protection. This could only be required if incidents are reported to the police, both the Neighbourhood Housing Team Leader and the police present urged residents to ensure all incidents are reported to the police.</p> <p>Residents were also reminded that the Housing Hub at St Matthews and at St Barnabas Library were available to be utilised.</p>
7.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>No Officer from the City Warden Team was available to attend the meeting.</p> <p>Councillors were aware that there were no allocated City Wardens on the ward and shared their concerns.</p>

		<p>Councillors suggested that a multi-language leaflet to be distributed to inform residents of the bulky waste and other similar services provided by the Council. ACTION: City Wardens Team</p> <p>Residents reported rubbish being dumped in Willow Brook, this was causing blockages in the waterflow in the brook. ACTION: City Warden Team</p> <p>Councillors suggested using the Love Leicester App was a useful tool to get matters addressed.</p>
8.	COMMUNITY ADVICE AND LAW SERVICE - EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME	<p>Glenda Terry from the Community Advice and Law Service was in attendance and provided information on the EU Settlement Scheme.</p> <p>All leaflets distributed are attached for information.</p>
9.	COMMUNITY WARD BUDGET	<p>The Ward Community Engagement Officer reported that from the opening Ward Community Budget of £18,000. 7 applications had been supported and the closing balance to date was £14,900.</p> <p>Councillors were pleased to be supporting local projects and invited all successful applicants to feedback about their project to ward meetings.</p>
10.	ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS	<p>Residents shared their concerns with the number of off-licences opening in the ward. It was suggested that this was resulting in an increase in anti-social behaviour in the ward. Councillors confirmed that before an off-licence opened it would go through the licensing process. At this point residents had the opportunity to object to applications.</p> <p>Any licensed premises that did not comply to the licensing objectives could be bought up for review of their licence.</p> <p>Residents were encouraged to report any incidents to the police.</p> <p>There being no more items of business the meeting closed at 8:20pm.</p>

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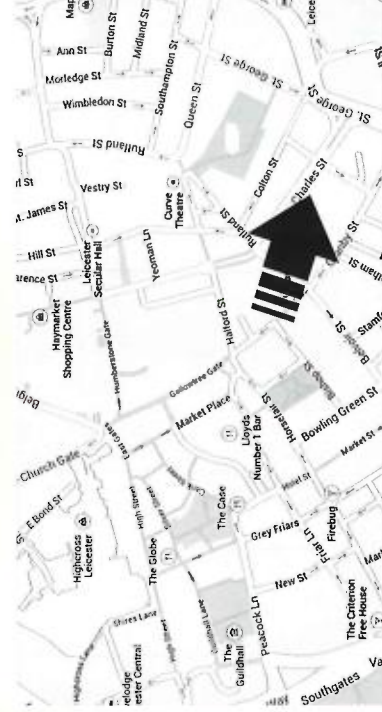
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We can give advice, negotiate on your behalf and represent you at Court. We offer a form filling service for welfare benefit applications and have computers available to use for online benefit applications. We employ a range of Specialist Advisers and Solicitors to conduct our work.

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BREXIT

ARE YOU AN EEA NATIONAL OR THE FAMILY MEMBER OF AN EEA NATIONAL?

Following the decision by the UK to leave the European Union (Brexit), the Government has announced that arrangements will be put in place for EEA nationals and their family members to secure their rights to live and work in the UK after 29 March 2019, the date when the UK is scheduled to leave the European Union. [This is the information available as at 1 February 2019.](#)

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

We do not yet know how long it will take for applications to be processed, but in the pilot phase of the scheme, decisions were given in approximately 9 days.

WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A RESIDENCE CARD?

EU nationals and their family members who already have documents showing the right of permanent residence or indefinite leave to remain will be able to exchange their existing document for settled or pre-settled status, subject to criminality and security checks. If you have Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR), you are not required to apply for settled status, but you may do so if you wish. If you have a Permanent Residence document (PR) as an EU national or EU family member, you must prove that your PR has not lapsed through an absence from the UK of more than 5 consecutive years.

WHAT EVIDENCE WILL I GET OF MY STATUS?

EU nationals will not receive a residence document. Evidence of your settled or pre-settled status will take the form of a digital code. Non-EU nationals (family members of EU nationals) will receive a Biometric Residence Permit if they do not already hold one.

THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

All EU nationals must apply to the EU Settlement Scheme before the deadline of 30 June 2021¹ in order to protect their rights to continue living and working in the UK. Failure to apply by that deadline means you will lose the right to live and work in the UK.

WHEN CAN I APPLY?

The application system is fully open from 30 March 2019. All EU nationals resident in the UK by 31.12.2020² must apply for status under the EU Settlement Scheme by 30.06.2021 in order to retain their rights following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. A pilot scheme is now open.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Applications must be made online and through a smartphone app. An assisted digital service may be available via a helpline number for people who can't make an online application.

1. If there is a "no deal" Brexit, the deadline for applications will be brought forward to 31 December 2020
2. If there is a "no deal" Brexit, the deadline for becoming resident in the UK in order to acquire settled status will be 29 March 2019

WHAT EVIDENCE WILL I HAVE TO PROVIDE?

Everyone will need to provide proof of identity (passport, ID card, Biometric Residence permit). The online form will automatically check HMRC and DWP records. You may need to provide additional proof of residence in the UK. Documents can be scanned and uploaded digitally or sent by post. You will need to provide a recent photo and you may need to have your biometrics (photo and fingerprints) taken at a UK Visa and Citizenship Application Service Centre: further details of these Centres will be provided at a later stage.

You will only need to show that you have been living in the UK continuously – you will not need to show that you have been working, self-employed or self-sufficient during the time that you have been living in the UK. Absences from the UK of up to 6 months in any year are not counted.

WHAT STATUS WILL I RECEIVE?

EU nationals and their family members will be awarded either:

Settled Status (equivalent to permanent residence or indefinite leave to remain) if you have lived in the UK continuously for a period of 5 years by 31.12.2020 (or by 29.3.2019 if there is no deal).

Pre-settled Status if you have lived in the UK for less than 5 years by 31.12.2020 (or by 29.3.2019 if there is no deal). You can apply for settled status as soon as you have lived in the UK continuously for 5 years.

NON-EU FAMILY MEMBERS OF EU NATIONALS

A family member of an EU national may also apply for settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme. It is best if you apply at same time as your EU national sponsor, as proof that the EU national has been granted status under the EU Settlement Scheme can be used as evidence for your application.

HOW ARE IRISH NATIONALS AFFECTED?

Irish nationals are not required to apply under the EU Settlement Scheme but can do so if they wish. Non-EU family members of Irish nationals must apply and can obtain settled status even if their Irish sponsor doesn't apply.


HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?


There is no fee payable once the scheme opens fully on 30 March 2019. People applying during the pilot phase will be asked to pay £65 (£32.50 for a child) but this will be refunded.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

EU nationals and their non-EU family members who hold a valid Biometric Residence Permit may apply now using an app which can be downloaded to an Android device. All EU nationals and their family members will be able to apply online from 30 March 2019. If you wish to apply for naturalisation as a British citizen in the near future, you may prefer to apply now for permanent residence documentation. Non-EU nationals may need to apply for residence documentation before the scheme opens if their existing residence document has expired.

Why not contact our immigration team now to seek advice about how to protect your rights in the UK after Brexit and to get help with an application!

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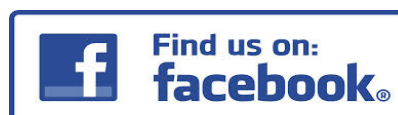
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