



Leicester  
City Council

**MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT AND  
CLIMATE EMERGENCY SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2021**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

**PLACE: Meeting Rooms G.01 and G.02, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115  
Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ**

**Members of the Commission**

Councillor Joel (Chair)

Councillor Singh Sandhu (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Fonseca, Malik, Porter, Rae Bhatia, Singh Johal and Valand

Members of the Commission are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

For Monitoring Officer

**Officer contacts:**

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**Aqil Sarang, Democratic Support Officer on 0116 4545591.**

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# **AGENDA**

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### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed on the agenda.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 18 August 2021 and 7 September 2021 will be circulated and Members are asked to confirm them as correct record.

### **4. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE**

The Monitoring Officer to report on any questions, representations and statements of case received in accordance with Council procedures.

The following question has been received from Margaret Lewis:

*“To ensure a modal shift away from cars to more sustainable transport, it is imperative that car drivers are given incentives as well as disincentives to switch. May we ask if the WPL will be used to pilot subsidising fares for key groups, such as school children and those on benefits? If not, why not?”*

The Following question has been received from Zina Zelter:

*“Do you propose to ensure that a parking space charge is higher than an annual bus ticket? And if bus prices continue to rise, will you put in a mechanism to ensure that the WPL charge rises with them?”*

## 5. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer to report on any petitions received in accordance with Council procedures.

## 6. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN - UPDATE

**Appendix A  
(Pages 1 - 8)**

The Director for Tourism, Culture and Inward Investment submits a report updating the Commission on the Economic Recovery Plan.

Members of the Commission are recommended to pass any comments to the Director of Tourism, Culture and Inward Investment.

## 7. LEICESTER BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2021-2031

**Appendix B  
(Pages 9 - 94)**

The Director for Planning Development and Transportation submits a report on the Leicester Biodiversity Action Plan 2021-2031

Members of the Commission are recommended to pass comments to the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation.

## 8. TRANSFORMING CITIES - GREAT CENTRAL WAY

**Appendix C  
(Pages 95 - 120)**

The Director of Planning Development and Transportation submits a presentation on the Transforming Cities – Great Central way project.

Members of the Commission are recommended to pass any comments to the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation.

## 9. CONNECTING LEICESTER - ST GEORGE ST/GRANBY ST

The Director of Planning, Development and Transportation submits a presentation on the Connecting Leicester – St George Street/Granby Street project.

Members of the Commission are recommended to pass any comments to the Director of Planning, Development and Transportation.

## 10. WORK PROGRAMME

**Appendix D  
(Pages 121 - 128)**

For Members' consideration, the work programme for the Commission is attached.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**