



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 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 Committee

Councillor Cassidy (Chair)

Councillor Govind (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Gee, Halford, Joel, Joshi, Kitterick, Porter, Thalukdar and Westley

Youth Council Representatives

To be advised

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

For Monitoring Officer

Officer contacts:

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If you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact:

Angie Smith, Democratic Support Officer on 0116 454 6354.

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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.

- 3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

[Appendix A](#)

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview Select Committee held on 16 September 2021 are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS AGREED AT THE LAST MEETING

To note progress on actions agreed at the previous meeting and not reported elsewhere on the agenda (if any).

6. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any questions, representations and statements of case submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

7. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer to report on any petitions received.

8. TRACKING OF PETITIONS - MONITORING REPORT [Appendix B](#)

The Monitoring Officer submits a report that updates Members on the monitoring of outstanding petitions. The Committee is asked to note the current outstanding petitions and agree to remove those petitions marked 'Petitions Process Complete' from the report.

9. COVID-19 VERBAL UPDATE

The Director of Public Health will provide a general update.

10. HOME OFFICE BRIDGING HOTEL AND AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT ACCOMMODATION IN LEICESTER [Appendix C](#)

The Strategic Director (City Development & Neighbourhood Services, Capital Programmes) and Director of Housing submit a report to the Overview Select Committee, which provides a strategic update on the Home Office Bridging Hotel and the Leicester City Council offer to re-settle 10 Afghan families within the city.

Members are recommended to note the report and provide any comments to the Strategic Director (City Development & Neighbourhood Services, Capital Programmes) and Director of Housing.

11. PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR HOUSING - CORPORATE [Appendix D](#) OFFER

The Strategic Director City Development & Neighbourhood Services, Director of Housing, and Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a report to the Overview Select Committee, the purpose of which is to brief Members on strategic plans for undertaking work within Leicester city's private rented sector.

Members of the Overview Select Committee are recommended to note the content of the report and provide and comment and/or feedback.

12. DISCRETIONARY LICENSING (SELECTIVE AND ADDITIONAL LICENSING) IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR [Appendix E](#)

The Strategic Director City Development & Neighbourhood Services, Director of Housing, and Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a report to the Overview Select Committee, the purpose of which is to brief Members on Licensing in the Private Rented Sector and share the key considerations with respect to the Council's existing Mandatory Private Rented Sector Licensing scheme, and the plans to potentially introduce a Discretionary Licensing Scheme in the City (Additional Licensing and/or Selective Licensing).

The views of the Overview Select Committee are sought on the proposals including suggested next steps.

13. HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPER STRATEGY UPDATE [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report which provides a six-monthly update to Overview Select Committee Members on progress of implementing Leicester's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2018-2023 at the request of the Chair of the Housing Scrutiny Commission.

14. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2019 - 2021 [Appendix G](#)

The Director of Delivery, Communications and Political Governance, and the Chair of the Overview Select Committee submit the Scrutiny Annual Report which covers the 2019 – 2021 Municipal Years. Members are recommended to note the report and make any comments prior to submission to full Council on 26th November, to the Director or Chair as necessary.

15. QUESTIONS FOR THE CITY MAYOR

The City Mayor will answer questions raised by members of the Overview Select Committee on issues not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

16. OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix H](#)

The current work programme for the Committee is attached. The Committee is asked to consider this and make comments and/or amendments as it considers necessary.

17. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS