



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY, 16 DECEMBER 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)

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

One unfilled Labour Group place

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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Angie Smith, Democratic Support Officer on 0116 454 6354.

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PUBLIC SESSION

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 10 November 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. AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME

The City Mayor and Officers will provide a verbal update at the Overview Select Committee on the Afghan Refugee Resettlement Programme.

11. CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE DECISION - ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY PORTFOLIO FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING [Appendix C](#)

The Monitoring Officer submits a report informing the Overview Select Committee that the Executive Decision taken by the City Mayor on 22 November 2021 relating to the acquisition of a property portfolio for Affordable Housing has been the subject of a five-member call-in under the procedures at Rule 12 of Part 4D (City Mayor and Executive Procedure Rules) of the Council's Constitution.

12. PROPOSED STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF THE HAYMARKET CENTRE, LEICESTER CITY CENTRE [Appendix D](#)

The Strategic Director City Development & Neighbourhood Services, and the Director of Estates & Building Services submit a report to the Overview Select Committee for noting on the purchase of investment property through the use

of investment property funding.

13. DRAFT EQUALITY ACTION PLAN 2021/22 AND BUILDING A DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE ACTION PLAN 2021/22 [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Delivery, Communication and Political Governance submits a report to the Overview Select Committee which provides an overview of the draft refreshed Equality Action Plan (EAP) for 2021/22 and the related Building a Diverse and Inclusive Workforce Action Plan (BDIWAP) 2021/22. The Overview Select Committee are asked to note and make comment on the draft action plans for 2021/22.

14. FINANCE UPDATE REPORTS

(i) REVENUE MONITORING APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2021/22 [Appendix F1](#)

The Deputy Director of Finance submits a report which forecasts performance against the budget for the year. The Overview Select Committee is recommended to consider the overall position presented within the report and make any observations it sees fit.

(ii) CAPITAL MONITORING APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2021/22 [Appendix F2](#)

The Deputy Director of Finance submits a report which shows the position of the capital programme at the end of September 2021 (Period 6). The Overview Select Committee is recommended to consider the overall position presented within the report and make any observations it sees fit.

(iii) INCOME COLLECTION APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2021 [Appendix F3](#)

The Deputy Director of Finance submits a report to the Overview Select Committee which details progress in collecting debts raised by the Council during the first six months of 2021/22, together with debts outstanding and brought forward from the previous year. It also sets out details of debts written off under delegated authority that it has not been possible to collect after reasonable effort and expense. The Committee is recommended to consider the overall position presented within the report and make any observations.

(iv) MID-YEAR REVIEW OF TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2021/22 [Appendix F4](#)

The Deputy Director of Finance submits a report which reviews how the Council conducted its borrowing and investments during the first six months of 2021/22. The Overview Select Committee is recommended to note the report and make any comments to the Deputy Director of Finance or the Chief Operating Officer and the Executive as they wish.

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. SCRUTINY COMMISSION UPDATES

(i) HCLT SCOPING DOCUMENT - WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN LEICESTER **Appendix G**

The Heritage, Culture, Leisure and Tourism Scrutiny Commission submits a scoping document on women's participation in physical activity and sport.

The review will aim to:

- Understand some of the challenges women (18+) face with participating in physical activity / sport by:
 1. Drawing on local and national research into women's participation in sport and physical activity.
 2. Facilitating focus groups or individual conversations to gain an insight into women's attitudes, perceptions and key issues with regard to participation.
- Understand the types of products, programs, and levels of usage by women within Sport Services facilities.
- Understand what city partners offer women to participate in physical activity and sport.
- Understanding the level of non-paid participation – such as running, cycling and exercising in own home as many people choose to exercise in this way rather than at facilities.
- Provide a set of recommendations for the council and city partners to utilise that will a) raise the awareness of city programs and encourage more women to participate in physical activity and sport, and b) try to overcome any existing barriers to participation.

The Committee is recommended to note the report.

17. 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.

18. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS