



Leicester
City Council

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

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2024

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Commission

Councillor Waddington (Chair)

Councillor O'Neill (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Batool, Dawood, Osman, Porter, Rae Bhatia and Whittle

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

For Monitoring Officer

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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

**Appendix A
(Pages 1 - 12)**

The minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 7 December 2023 are attached 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.

Mr James Blackhall to ask:

“Given the council's commitment to Net 0 and supporting those who are economically disadvantaged is it truly acceptable that a flexi 4 week ticket is rising by nearly £10?”

5. PETITIONS

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

6. DRAFT GENERAL REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25

**Appendix B
(Pages 13 - 40)**

The Director of Finance submits a draft report proposing the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2024/25.

Members of the Commission will be asked to consider and provide any feedback which will be submitted to the Council Budget meeting in February 2024.

7. DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024/25

**Appendix C
(Pages 41 - 70)**

The Director of Finance submits a draft report proposing the Capital Programme for 2024/25.

Members of the Commission will be asked to consider and provide any feedback which will be submitted to the Council Budget meeting in February 2024.

8. LABOUR MARKET: ECONOMIC INACTIVITY AND ESOL

**Appendix D
(Pages 71 - 94)**

The Director of Tourism, Culture and Inward Investment submits a report summarising the levels of economic inactivity and English language proficiency across Leicester's labour market, and the interventions commissioned in response to these issues by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

A presentation will be made by BYCS and the Council's Adult Education service at the meeting.

9. 20MPH ZONES INFORMAL SCRUTINY

**Appendix E
(Pages 95 - 122)**

The Chair submits a report providing an overview of the Commissions examination of the policy regarding the implementation of 20mph streets in Leicester.

10. WATERSIDE VISIT

The Commission will be consulted as to how they wish to proceed with the Waterside visit.

11. STORM HENK FLOODING UPDATE

**Appendix F
(Pages 123 - 140)**

The City Highways Director submits a report updating the Commission on the response to the flooding impacts in the City arising from Storm Henk.

12. WORK PROGRAMME

**Appendix G
(Pages 141 - 146)**

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

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS