



Leicester  
City Council

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD  
Held: THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2009 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Mugglestone – Chair

Councillor Corral	Councillor Hall
Councillor Naylor	Councillor Potter (for Cllr Joshi)
Councillor Newcombe (for Cllr J.Blackmore)	Councillor Russell
Councillor Suleman	

Co-opted Members

Mr Michael Asquith – Church of England Diocese

Also In Attendance

Councillor Dempster      Cabinet Lead Member for Children,  
and Schools.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Blackmore, Follett, Joshi, and Westley, Jess Evans, Rebecca Barrow and Michael Asquith, Church of England Diocese.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

Councillor Naylor declared a non-prejudicial interest in Appendix C 'Options Review: Riverside Business and Enterprise College' as he was part of an organisation which used land at the college for its activities.

**12. TENANTS AND LEASEHOLDERS' INVOLVEMENT AND CONSULTATIVE ACTIVITIES - UPDATE**

The Corporate Director of Adults and Housing submitted a report that provided an update to Members on the tenants' and leaseholders' involvement and consultation activities and the result of outcomes in terms of service improvements.

The Interim Landlord Services Manager introduced the report and stated that it was recommended for the Area Tenants' and Leaseholders' Forums to merge into the existing Ward Community Meetings, and that consequently, these meetings would serve as the primary consultative mechanism.

Members were generally of the opinion that greater work was needed to encourage the younger generations to participate in Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) activities.

There was also an acceptance that Ward Community Meetings were a suitable arena for Tenant and Resident Issues, but that changes to the overall methods of consultation were required.

Members agreed that prior to the Housing Revenue Account and Housing Capital Programme being considered by the board, officers need to commence consultation with tenants and residents at the earliest possible stage, and that their views be presented to Members.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the outcomes achieved through the new involvement and consultation structure agreed by Cabinet in January; and
- (2) That officers be asked to consult tenants on broader budget issues at the earliest possible stage and that their views be presented to Members.