



Leicester
City Council

**MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY
COMMISSION**

DATE: TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST 2022

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Committee

Councillor Thalukdar (Chair)

Councillor Solanki (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Byrne, Kitterick, O'Donnell, Pickering and Rahman

One unallocated Labour group place

One unallocated non group place

For Monitoring Officer

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If you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact: **Jacob Mann, Democratic Support Officer on 0116 454 5843.** Alternatively, email Jacob.Mann@leicester.gov.uk, or call in at City Hall.

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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 Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Commission held on 28 June 2022 are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

5. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any petitions submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

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.

A question has been received from Hannah Wakley as follows:

"We have noticed that the way herbicide is used seems to vary in different city parks; in some parks the base of every tree is sprayed and in other parks only small areas are sprayed, usually around the children's playgrounds. How is the application of glyphosate in parks and green spaces being monitored?"

This will be considered in accordance with the Council's Constitution under the Scrutiny Procedure Rule 10.

A statement of case will be presented by Hannah Wakley regarding the Council's use of pesticides in parks and open spaces.

7. CITY WARDENS AND ENVIRO-CRIME SERVICES OVERVIEW [Appendix B](#)

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a presentation on the City Warden and Enviro-Crime Service Area.

8. PEST AND DOG CONTROL SERVICES OVERVIEW [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a presentation on Pest and Dog Control Services.

9. WASTE SERVICES - SERVICE UPDATE [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a presentation updating the Commission on the work of Waste Services.

10. NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PERFORMANCE UPDATE [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a presentation updating the Commission on the work of Neighbourhood Services.

11. DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix F](#)

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

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS