

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

- DATE: THURSDAY, 27 JULY 2023
- 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, Rae Bhatia, Porter 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 - 4)

The minutes of the meeting of the Commission held on 22 March 2023 are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as correct record.

### 4. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION 2023/24

The Membership of the Economic Development, Transport and Climate Emergency Scrutiny Commission is as follows:

Councillor Waddington (Chair) Councillor O'Neill (Vice Chair) Councillor Batool Councillor Dawood Councillor Osman Councillor Porter Councillor Rae Bhatia Councillor Whittle

Members of the Commission are asked to note the Membership of the Commission.

### 5. DATES OF THE COMMISSION 2023/24

The dates of the Economic Development, Transport and Climate Emergency Scrutiny Commission are as follows:

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Members of the Commission are asked to note the dates of the Commission.

### 6. 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.

The Following Statement of Case has been received from Elizabeth Moles:

With pedestrian crossings, I would like to see more time for crossing and, ideally, a timer to tell how long we have to cross. This is because parents with small children need time, so do disabled people.

I propose at least one information board, but possibly more, to remember and inform us about Mary Attenborough and her role in hosting refugees from the Civil War in Spain, children affected by the Guernica bombing, and Jewish children and adults affected by fascism in Germany. All this happened in Leicester when she lived at College House on the uni. Campus.

### 7. PETITIONS

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

#### 8. OVERVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Appendix B TRANSPORT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY (Pages 5 - 44) SCRUTINY COMMISSION

The Director of Planning Development and Transportation, the Director of Tourism, Culture and Inward Investment and the Director of Estates and Building Services submit a presentation, providing the Commission with an overview of the portfolios.

Members of the Commission are asked to note the presentation and forward any questions and queries to the Directors.

### 9. WORK PROGRAMME

Members of the Commission will be asked to consider items for the future work programme.

### 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### Appendix A



### Minutes of the Meeting of the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Held: WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH 2023 at 5:30 pm

### <u>PRESENT:</u>

Councillor Joel (Chair)

Councillor Waddington

**Councillor Whittle** 

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### **137. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Joel, as Chair led on introductions.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fonseca and Rae Bhatia.

### **138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 139. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

### AGREED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development, Transportation and Climate Emergency Scrutiny Commission held on 26 January 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

### 140. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE

The Monitoring Officer noted that none had been received.

### 141. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer noted that none had been received.

### 142. UNEMPLOYMENT DATA PRESENTATION

The Senior Intelligence Analyst introduced the item and provided the

Commission with demonstration of the newly launched Unemployment Data on the open data platform. It was noted that the data on the platform is updated on a monthly basis and that the platform allows for local, regional and countrywide comparisons.

As part of the discussions, it was noted that:

- The open data platform allows for a targeted approach of interventions as the data collected is broken down to ward and demographic levels
- Although the platform was not broken down in terms of economic activity and economic inactivity, increasing amounts of data around this have become available recently and these would be published by the ONS in the coming months
- Similarly, the platform has not broken down the data in terms of ethnicity, but there was some additional data from the ONS pending which would look at various labour market variables by ethnicity.

Councillor Waddington further noted that this data would be very important in terms of developing policies and targeted initiatives. It was further suggested that this was the type of information that would be helpful to identify areas of the city where there could be potentially people not making an income increasing the levels of poverty in the city. Once the dashboard had all the information available it would be beneficial for the Commission, Officers and the Executive to draw up relevant policies and priorities for future initiatives.

The Director of Tourism, Culture and Inward Investment took the opportunity to note that the presentation was a snapshot of the dashboard which was building up all the time and how the data can be used to identify trends and allow for targeting initiatives. The platform allowed for data to be broken down in different time series and comparators which was very helpful. Once the platform accommodated further data in due course this would allow for a much improved platform.

The Chair suggested that, it will be useful to get an update once the dashboard is able to do a lot more in terms of the level of granularity of the data that it holds and how it can be used.

### AGREED:

That the Director for Tourism, Culture and Inward Investment be requested to update the future Commission on the Open Data Platform once there was more depth to the platform.

### 143. ADULT EDUCATION AND MULTIPLY SERVICE

The Director for Tourism, Culture and Inward Investment introduced the item, in the absence of the Head of Adult Education. It was noted that the service was still in a recovery phase following the pandemic and that 10% of learners were still learning online and that staff have become more compatible with the changing technology.

It was further noted that the long awaited new website for Adult Education had

now been launched.

In response to Members questions, as part of the discussions it was noted that:

- The service was still in a recovery phase, but the following year projections suggest that the number of learners would be similar to the figures from pre pandemic
- A whole series of venues were used to deliver a host of different courses across the city, including an online platform to accommodate those learning online
- The number of learners had decreased nationally but the service had continued to deliver even with cuts from central government with a 97% retention rate
- Projection figures would be requested from the Head of Adult Education to investigate whether the projections were due to the pandemic or a lack of funding.

Councillor Waddington noted that in the past Adult Education used to provide affordable childcare to mothers who were participating on courses and suggested that this would be beneficial to mothers across the city who wanted to gain qualifications but childcare was an issue.

In response to the Chair, it was noted that information on third party delivery of courses could be provided by the Head of Adult Education, but it was noted that a large workforce was used to develop projects and most of the work was delivered through in house staff.

AGREED:

That, the Head of Adult Education be congratulated for the delivery of service.

### 144. TRANSFORMING CITIES FUND AND CONNECTING LEICESTER

The Transforming Cities Fund Project Manager delivered an overview of the presentation.

As part of the discussions, it was noted that:

- Members of the Commission strongly welcomed the electric busses and the Commission were looking forward to the launch of the new Hop service in the city centre which would also include the train station on its route as suggested by the Commission
- The Hop service would be the first of its kind and a survey would be run over the trial period to identify the patterns and types of usage
- Segregated cycle lanes were the preferred option but as indicated in the presentation, at times an alternative dual use lanes are used when segregated lanes are not viable
- The real time totems were overall providing accurate data but there were some caveats and improvements had been made to ensure that information displayed was accurate
- The totems were good in comparison to Nottingham.

The Director of Planning, Development and Transportation, noted that there had been recent driver shortages within the bus operators which and resulted in some delayed services and that there were a whole raft of changes taking place to resolve the matter.

The Chair requested information on the cycle scheme going bust. In response to the Chair, it was noted that this was a disappointing outcome with over 3K rides a week before the winter. The scheme provider was in the hands of the liquidator and that the Council had not put any of its own money into the scheme and it had been funded through the Transforming Cities Fund Scheme. Capital funds would be recovered from the liquidator and that a further update would be provided following discussions with the liquidator.

#### AGREED:

That the Officers be thanked for the presentation and that the presentation be noted.

### 145. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

The Assistant City Mayor for Policy Delivery and Communications introduced the item and noted that there was not enough funding to deliver what the city needed yet the Council continued to solve a bigger problem with less funding.

The Director for Tourism, Culture and Inward Investment provided an overview of the report and noted that this would need to be signed off by the leadership of the Council following the election in May. Following which scheme would be launched with third party organisations launching by the end of September or early October with inhouse projects launching sooner.

As part of the discussions, the Chair noted that it was good to hear that partnership work was taking place already.

AGREED:

That the report be noted.

#### 146. WORK PROGRAMME

The work Programme was noted.

#### 147. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair took the opportunity to thank Officers and Members of the Commission for the continued efforts on the Commission.

There being no further items of business, the meeting closed at 6:55pm.

# Economic Development, Transport and Tourism Scrutiny Commission

Overview Presentation 27th July 2023

Andrew L Smith – Director Planning, Development and Transportation

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Mike Dalzell – Director Tourism, Culture and Investment

Matthew Wallace - Director Estates and Business Services

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# Scope

- Highways and Transportation
- Planning Local plan/non regulatory
- Regeneration and development projects
- Environment/Climate Emergency
- City centre and tourism development
- Place marketing and inward investment
- Workspace

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- Jobs and skills
- Business support
- Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership



# Transport Strategy and Programmes Lead: Daniel Pearman

- Transport Strategy
- Passenger Transport
- Major Projects
- Connecting Leicester
  - Walking and Cycling
  - Road Safety & Speed Control
  - Traffic Regulation orders
  - Highways Development Control
  - Electric Vehicles





# **Transport Strategy and Programmes**

# Active and Sustainable Transport

- Walking, wheeling, cycling

   infrastructure and
- <sup>∞</sup> behaviour change
- Air quality monitoring and action plan
- Leicester Bus Partnership







# **Transport Strategy and Programmes**







### **Capital Projects and EVs**

- Transforming Cities
- Connecting Leicester
- Active Travel Fund
- Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund



# **Transport Strategy and Programmes**

- Road Safety, Traffic Management, and Speed Control
- 20mph schemes
- $\vec{\circ}$  Traffic Regulation Orders
  - Reactive safety schemes
  - Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Road Safety Partnership





## Highways Activities Lead: Martin Fletcher

### **Priorities:**

- Highway Maintenance
- Winter Service, Flooding & Drainage
- $\stackrel{\rightarrow}{\rightarrow}$  Network Management
  - Parking & Traffic Regulation









# Highways & Transport Programmes

# **Priorities:**

- Local Environmental Works
- School Run Parking
- <sup>№</sup>• Residents Parking Zones
  - Pedestrian Crossings
  - Local Traffic Management Schemes







# Planning Lead: Grant Butterworth

**Service Priorities** 

- Local Plan
- Strategic Planning
- Development Management/Planning applications
- Urban Design
- • $\rightarrow \omega$  Planning Enforcement
- Nature conservation:
  - Deliver Biodiversity Action Plan
  - New Biodiversity Net Gain expectations from November 2023
  - Sustainable Urban Drainage
- Built Conservation:
  - Deliver Heritage Action Plan
  - Buildings at Risk
  - Conservation Areas
  - Conservation Grants
  - Heritage Action Zone







# Regeneration and Development Lead: Lauren Tyrrell

## Waterside

### **Priorities**

- Continue delivery of residential and employment through lead developer
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- Support private sector led schemes











### **Pioneer Park : LUF**

### **Priorities**

- Continued delivery of additional hightech office and production space
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  - Delivery of Highway & Transport infrastructure













### **Railway Station: LUF**

### **Priorities**

- Integrated Transport Hub
- New public realm
- Commercial floorspace
- Partnership working with Network Rail and train operating company











# Ashton Green

### **Priorities:**

- Continue to progress major urban extension
- Secure developers for phased residential development including village centre parcel
- Continued delivery of new highway and green infrastructure









# **Climate Emergency**



### Roles:

- Sustainability Team in EBS leads on policy and strategy, co-ordination, action plan development, monitoring and reporting
- Whole council development and delivery of actions



### Climate Emergency – delivery examples

- Housing retrofit/fuel poverty Green Homes Grants, Warmer Homes Greener Homes, Home Upgrade Grants
- Council housing upgrades lofts, walls, heating systems
  - Council buildings/schools retrofit -Over £24M investment through Salix
  - Business support Green BELLE £1.17M across 205 SMEs
  - Climate Emergency Partnership and Carbon Neutral Roadmap



### Climate Emergency – delivery examples

- Sustainable schools Eco Schools, Built Environment Service (BESS), Let's Go Zero, Carbon Literacy, Plastic Clever Schools, 'Tiny Forests'
- Climate Woodland over 28,000 new trees planted and Tree Wardens scheme launched
- N• Helping pollinators Bee Roads, green roofed bus shelters
  - Expanded Reuse Shop at Gypsum Close 91,000 items sold, 85t waste prevented
  - ..... plus all the transport projects outlined on the other slides.



# Environment

- Flood risk Lead: Martin Fletcher
- Air Quality Action Plan Lead: Daniel Pearman
- Biodiversity Action Plan Lead: Grant Butterworth
- Note: No







# Place Marketing and Inward Investment Lead: Mike Denby

- Encouraging inward investment and existing company growth
- Promoting the city as a quality 'destination' for inward investment and as a place to live, work and play (e.g. through websites such as Visit Leicester and Invest Leicester and bespoke PR initiatives) Supporting a new City Centre plan
- Attracting more residential investment to the city
- Promoting and attracting investment to Space City
- Developing a new Place Marketing narrative for city and county and supporting new ambassadors to use it





# SPACE CITY

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# City Centre Lead: Sarah Harrison

- Liaising with city centre businesses and organisations
- Developing joint initiatives (e.g. with BID )

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- Supporting night time economy venues, the accommodation and retail sectors
  - Advising on market trends (e.g. changing shape of retail)
  - Monitoring data to assess strength of city economy







Economic Regeneration Lead – Peter Chandler

Workspace

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- Jobs and Skills
- Business Support
- Regeneration programme management





Docks 3-5 at Space Park – on site now



Pilot House in King Street – completes early 2025 PILOT

HOUSE



### Leicester Outdoor Market – on site later in 2023




## **Jobs and Skills**

- Employment Hub work with employers to recruit disadvantaged groups
- Graduate Retention focus on internships with SMEs
- Construction Hub helping people join the industry
- Fashion Technology Academy supporting textiles training and the supply chain



# **Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony**



## **Delivering UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

Managing the three year programme to March 2025. Now in yr 2

ස Assessing bids for UKSPF resource over summer 2023

29 bids received and now being assessed



# Our role

- To design and deliver business support projects and programmes across Leicester
- To commission business support services from specialist organisations
- ☆ To work closely with the Growth Hub as the primary access for business support
  - To collaborate with public and private sector partners to address need



## **Business Advisers**

- Team of experienced advisers
- Referrals from the Growth Hub and others









## **Business Support Delivery**

- Business advice and coaching
- Sector support, including Creative and Digital/ Fashion and Textiles/ Visitor Economy
- Linking with other relevant local, regional and national offers
  - Workspaces support programme
  - Skills and talent





# LASALS : Adults Skills and Learning Lead: Kerry Gray

# Priorities

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- English, Maths & ESOL
- Digital Inclusion
- Careers Advice, employability and skills for work
- Health & wellbeing: Arts, culture & community
- Family Learning
- Access to Higher Education



# Head of Adult Education Kerry Gray



#### Jewellery and Craft

Craft and Jewellery courses teach learners how to create a range a beautiful jewellery using different materials and techniques. Whether learners are complete beginners or are more advanced, our Craft and Jewellery courses offer something for everyone. We aim to enhance our learners' skills and wellbeing through creativity.This year, our...

#### History and Literature

Our variety of History and Literature courses give learners the skills and knowledge about different topics, cultures and techniques.



### 1500 courses

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postures, breathing ...

Yoga courses allow our learners to

experience the many benefits that

mind This includes increased

management and encourages

mindfulness. Each of our sessions

will explore a different topic. These

include, warm up routines, yoga

strength building, stress

flexibility, supported heart health,

practicing yoga has on the body and

Yoga

<u>Music</u>

Our music courses encourage learners to strengthen their music theory knowledge and to broaden their understanding and appreciation of different artists, instruments and genres. As well as developing their practical abilities, these courses are an opportunity to learn a new skill and help towards supporting personal wellbeing. This year, we have...

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#### <u>Languages</u>

Explore our range of language courses, language enhancement courses and language talks!

>> Learn more <<

#### <u>Health and</u> Wellbeing

Our Wellbeing courses offer purposeful and enriching learning experiences which allow learners to take time out for themselves.

#### Leicester to Work

Our Leicester to Work courses are a suite of one-day courses, designed to help learners find employment by developing the essential skills needed for success in job seeking and the recruitment process.

#### >> Learn more <<

#### Employment Skills

Employment Skills courses are designed to fully equip learners with the crucial skills needed to gain employment within a specific career or to progress within current employment.

>> Learn more <<

#### Working with Children and Adults

Our Working with Children and Working with Adult courses allow learners to gain the essential skills, qualifications and experience needed for their chosen sector.

#### >> Learn more <<

#### Computing and Digital Skills

Our Computing and Digital Skills courses are designed to help learners keep up with new technology, in the workplace and daily life. In turn helping them to stand out in the competitive job market and feel self-assured within their chosen career. These courses also explore using digital skills as functional...

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#### Learning to Learn Online

Do you want to enrol onto one of our online courses? Learn how to on this course!

>> Learn more <<

#### <u>Admin and</u> <u>Accounts</u>

Our Admin and Account courses offer learners the opportunity to gain the skills and knowledge that en ployars recurre to Admin, Accounting, Payroll and Bookkeeping roles. These courses allow learners to stay up to date with the modern business world and gain qualifications from world leading professional bodies

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#### Business and Management

Business and Management courses are designed for learners who are wanting to progress within a current career or want to train for a career change. These courses develop the knowledge and skills that employers require. Courses cover Team Leading at level 2 and Management at level 3.

#### >> Learn more <<

#### Access to Higher Education Diploma

Are you looking to fast-track your way to university? Look no further! At Leicester Adult Education, we offer an Access to Higher Education programme in both Social Sciences and Business. Our Access courses are designed specifically for mature learners who haven't gained the traditional entry requirements. Past learners have progressed onto...





# Leicester Adult Education

# Multiply





## Achievements in Year 1

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Increased participation in maths provision	Delivery of tailor-made maths courses in consultation with employers: Leicester Employment Hub	The establishment of the <u>Multiply Hub</u> in The Gresham
A flexible offer that meets the needs of the residents	Collaboration with community orgs who engage hard to reach groups	Employment opportunities



# Multiply @ The Grove

#### **Free Fun Maths Workshops!**

Join our Family Learning Multiply workshops to improve a range of your and your children's numeracy skills!



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Maths in the Kitchen Focuses on budgeting, preparing and cooking food together as a family. Friday 28th July 1pm - 3pm

#### Maths in Movement

Focuses on how families can learn about maths by playing sports and games.

Friday 4th Aug 1pm - 3pm

#### Making Maths Fun (Indoors)

Focuses on families learning about maths through games, challenges and competition.

Friday 11th Aug 1pm - 3pm

Making Maths Fun (Outdoors) Focuses on families learning about maths through games, challenges and competition. Friday 18th Aug 1pm - 3pm

The Grove Community Hub, Cort Crescent, Leicester LE3 1QZ To learn more and to join: familylearning@leicester.gov.uk 0116 454 1900



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#### elceste Adult Education

#### Leicester Adult Education



Thursday 13th July 2023 10am - 4pm

Come and join us for a day of information, advice and taster sessions.

Have a go at some free adult learning activities!

- Creative writing
- Italian, Portuguese, Spanish
- Digital skills
- Textiles







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## Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LLEP)

## **ROLE OF LEPs**

LEPs are business led partnerships between local authorities and local private sector businesses.

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Created in 2010, LEPs played and continue to play a central role in determining local economic priorities and undertaking activities to drive economic growth and job creation, improve infrastructure, and raise workforce skills within the local area.

Leicester City Council are the Accountable Body for LLEP.

LLEP's board is led by a business Chair and board members are local leaders of industry (including SMEs), educational institutions and the public sector.

More info on LLEP board can be found here



## Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LLEP)

## The future of LEPs

In March 2023 the Chancellor announced that the government were minded to withdraw funding for LEPs from March 2024, with their core functions moving in to local authorities

In June 2023, the LLEP board ratified their decision to cease activity as a board in March 2024, in line with proposed funding withdrawal

A transition board is in place to support the LLEP executive, LLEP board and partners to identify and transition the relevant functions

