

## **MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE**

DATE: THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2023

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) Councillor Surti (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bajaj, Dave, Dawood, Joel, Porter and Waddington

## **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.

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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

Item 4, Page 1

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview Select Committee held on 9 November 2023 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 Item 8, Page 9

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. 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.

### 10. CALL-IN OF BUDGET SAVINGS DECISION

Item 10, Page 15

The Monitoring Officer submits a report informing the Committee that the Executive Decision taken by the City Mayor on 24 November 2023 relating to in-year budget savings has been the subject of a six-member call-in under the procedures of Rule 12 of Part 4D (City Mayor and Executive Procedure Rules) of the Council's Constitution.

The Committee is recommended to either

- a) Note the report without further comment or recommendation. (If the report is noted the process continues and the call in will be considered at a future meeting of Full Council); or
- b) Comment on the specific issues raised by the call-in. (If comments are made the process continues and the comments and call in will be considered at a future meeting of Full Council); or
- c) Resolve that the call-in be withdrawn (If the committee wish for there to be no further action on the call-in, then they must actively withdraw it. If withdrawal is agreed the call-in process stops, the call-in will not be considered at a future meeting of Full Council and the original decision takes immediate affect without amendment).

### 11. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING - APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2023/24

Item 11, Page 31

The Director of Finance submits the second report the monitoring cycle for 2023/24 which provides an update on the financial pressures faced by the Council and the worsening picture on this and next years' budgets.

The Committee is recommended to consider the overall position presented within this report and make any observations it sees fit.

### 12. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING - APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2023/24

Item 12, Page 47

The Director of Finance submits a report to show the position of the capital programme at the end of September 2023 (Period 6).

The Committee is recommended to consider the overall position presented within this report and make any observations it sees fit.

# 13. INCOME COLLECTION APRIL 2023 - SEPTEMBER Item 13, Page 81 2023

The Director of Finance submits a report which details progress made in collecting debts raised by the Council during the first six months of 2023-24, 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 this report and make any observations.

# 14. MID-YEAR REVIEW OF TREASURY - MANAGEMENT Item 14, Page 103 ACTIVITIES 2023/24

The Director of Finance submits a report which reviews how the Council conducted its borrowing and investments during the first six months of 2023/24.

The Committee is recommended to note the report and make comments to the Director of Finance and the Executive as they wish.

# 15. OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Item 15, Page 113

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.

### 16. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS