



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2024

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Committee

Councillor Cassidy (Chair)

Councillors Adatia, Batool, Dawood, Kitterick, March, O'Neill, Osman, Pickering, Porter, Rae Bhatia and Waddington

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

For Monitoring Officer

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PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To issue a welcome to those present, and to confirm if there are any 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

The Chair is invited to make any announcements as they see fit.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Appendix A

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview Select Committee held on Thursday 26th September have been circulated, and Members will be 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, REPRESENTATION 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 [Appendix B](#)

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. HOMELESSNESS SERVICES UPDATE [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing submits a report providing an update on homelessness in the city and progress in relation to the delivery of the Full Council Decision on the 21st March 2024 to invest £45m into additional Homelessness accommodation and services.

11. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Finance submits a report providing an overview of the proposed simplified "banded" council tax support scheme and the consultation results.

12. EXECUTIVE DECISION - REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2024/25 [Appendix E](#)

The Director of Finance submits a second report in the monitoring cycle for 2024/25 and updates the forecasts presented to this committee in September.

13. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2024/25 [Appendix F](#)

The Director of Finance Submits a report providing the position of the capital programme at the end of September 2024 (Period 6).

14. INCOME COLLECTION APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2024 [Appendix G](#)

The Director of Finance submits a report detailing progress made in collecting debts raised by the Council during the first six months of 2024-25 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.

15. PRIVATE SESSION

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

Under the law, the Scrutiny Commission is entitled to consider certain items in private where in the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the matter exempt from publication outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

The Scrutiny Commission is recommended to consider the following reports in private on the grounds that they contain 'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) as defined by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended, and consequently that the Scrutiny Commission makes the following resolution:-

“that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following reports in accordance with by virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 because they involve the likely disclosure of 'exempt' information, as defined in the Paragraphs detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and taking all the circumstances into account, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

16. MID-YEAR REVIEW OF TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2024/25 [Appendix H](#)

The Director of Finance submits a report to update the Commission on the Mid-Year Review of the Treasury Management Activities 2024/25.

17. OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME [Appendix I](#)

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.

18. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS