



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE

DATE: THURSDAY, 30 JANUARY 2025

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: Meeting Room G.02, 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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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 12th December 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. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET (INCLUDING CAPITAL PROGRAMME) 2025/26 [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Housing Submits a report setting out the City Mayor's proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2025/26 prior to it being considered at Full Council on 19th February 2025.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Housing Scrutiny Commission on 7th January 2025 is at Appendix H.

The Overview Select Committee is recommended to make any comments on the report.

11. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26 [Appendix D](#)

The Director of Finance submits the Draft Capital Programme 2025/26 which will be considered by Council on 19th February 2024.

The draft minute extracts detailing the respective Scrutiny Commissions' discussion on the Draft Revenue Budget report are attached:

Economic Development, Transport and Climate Emergency – 8th January 2025
Adult Social Care – 9th January 2025
Children, Young People and Education – 14th January 2025
Culture and Neighbourhoods – 15th January 2025
Public Health & Health Integration – 21st January 2025

The Overview Select Committee is recommended to consider the report and the comments made by the Scrutiny Commissions, and to pass its comments on these to the meeting of Council for consideration.

Scrutiny Commission Minute Extracts refer to both Capital Programme and Revenue Budget.

12. REVENUE BUDGET 2025/26 **Appendix E**

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Addendum to follow.

13. TREASURY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY **Appendix F**

The Director of Finance Submits a report proposing a Treasury Policy framework, a Treasury Management Strategy for the governance of the Authority's borrowing and cash balances during 2025/26 and the Investment Strategy defining the Authority's approach to making and holding investments, other than those made for normal treasury management purposes.

The Overview Select Committee is recommended to note the report and make comments to the Director of Finance and the Executive as they wish, prior to Council consideration.

14. OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME **Appendix G**

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.

15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

