



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

**DATE: TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2026**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

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

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Batool (Chair)

Councillor Bonham (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Barnes, Cole, Gregg, Dr Moore, Singh Sangha and Westley

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

For Monitoring Officer

#### **Officer contacts:**

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## 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. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the meeting of the Children, Young People, and Education Scrutiny Commission held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October have been circulated, and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

### **4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **5. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE**

Any questions, representations and statements of case submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures will be reported.

### **6. PETITIONS**

Any petitions received in accordance with Council procedures will be reported.

### **7. DRAFT GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2026/27** **Appendix B**

The Director of Finance submits a report setting out the City Mayor's proposed Draft General Fund Revenue Budget for 2026/27.

### **8. DRAFT THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2026/27**

**Appendix C**

The Director of Finance submits a report setting out the City Mayor's proposed

Draft Three Year Capital Programme 2026/27.

**9. LEICESTER SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN  
PARTNERSHIP YEARLY REPORT 2024 - 2025** **Appendix D**

The Leicester Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) submit their Annual Report for 24/25 which will be presented by the LSCP Independent Scrutineer.

**10. SEND TRANSPORT UPDATE** **Appendix E**

The Strategic Director for Social Care and Education submits a report providing an update to the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission regarding the Post 16 Transport service, including the latest policy implementation.

**11. HNB TASK GROUP REPORT** **Appendix F**

The Chair submits the final report from the High Needs Block Task Group.

**12. FOSTERING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT AND  
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE 2024 / 2025** **Appendix G**

The Strategic Director for Social Care and Education submits a report providing an overview of the activity and performance of the Fostering Service from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025. The report should be read in conjunction with the annual statement of purpose which sets out the service aims, objectives and configuration.

**13. CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION  
QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE (APRIL-SEPTEMBER  
2025) AND QUALITY ASSURANCE** **Appendix H**

The Strategic Director of Social Care and Education submits a report providing an update on performance in Children's social care and information on monitoring and improving quality.

**14. WORK PROGRAMME** **Appendix I**

Members of the Commission will be asked to consider the work programme and make suggestions for additional items as it considers necessary.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

