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City Council

**MEETING OF THE CULTURE AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY
COMMISSION**

DATE: MONDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2025

TIME: 5:30 pm

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

Members of the Committee

Councillor Zaman (Chair)

Councillor Halford (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Dr Barton, Cassidy, Chauhan, Dave, Haq and Waddington

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

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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 will be 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 Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission held on Thursday 11th September have been circulated, and Members will be 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. WARD FUNDING ANNUAL REPORT

Appendix B

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Environment submits a report to provide an outline of how Ward Funding was spent across the city between April 2024 and March 2025. This report seeks to provide an insight into the variety of projects and initiatives that took place in the wards, and some of those that were important to residents locally.

8. FLY TIPPING UPDATE

Appendix C

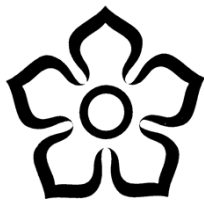
The Director of Neighbourhoods and Environment submits a report updating the Commission on flytipping in Leicester since the last report from January 2025.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

Appendix D

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

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS



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Appendix A

Minutes of the Meeting of the CULTURE AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Held: THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2025 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Zaman – Chair
Councillor Halford – Vice-Chair

Councillor Dr Barton
Councillor Chauhan
Councillor Haq

Councillor Cassidy
Councillor Dave
Councillor Waddington

In Attendance:

Assistant City Mayor – Councillor Dempster.

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147. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Cutkelvin.

148. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have had in the business to be discussed.

During the item on heritage Places Funding, National Lottery Heritage Fund – Cllr Haq declared that a plaque was being installed to commemorate his grandfather.

149. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Additionally, in the Work Programme item, the issue was raised with regard to the Burial Strategy about cremation provision in Leicester. This was not reflected in the minutes.

Additionally, the point in the workplan stating: “A Grassland Maintenance

Report was added to the workplan to include areas for sports and recreation.”
Was a copy and paste error.

Further information was requested with regard to buskers and freedom of speech with regard to Public Space Protection Orders.

AGREED:

- 1) That the minutes of the meeting of the Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission held on 19 June 2025 be amended to reflect the above points.
- 2) That the minutes of the meeting of the Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission held on 19 June 2025 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the above amendments.

150. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair provided an update on the informal scrutiny that was held on the Waste Strategy. He noted that members had discussed legislative changes on waste. He particularly noted that members had discussed the importance of staying within the budget and aiming to increase recycling.

He further noted that members had been presented with options, and the preferred option appeared to be to have three bins, one for food, one for recycling and one for food waste, with general waste and recycling collected every other week and food waste every week and residents provided with caddies for food waste. It had further been suggested that exceptions be made for households which could not accommodate a further bin. This informal scrutiny had informed the decision report.

Points raised on waste communications and strategy would be looked at between now and the end of the contract in 2028.

151. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE

The Monitoring Officer reported that none had been received.

152. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer reported that none had been received.

153. HERITAGE PLACES FUNDING, NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND - VERBAL UPDATE

The Head of Arts and Museums gave a verbal update on Heritage Places, Funding, National Lottery Heritage Funding.

Key points included:

- £250k of funding had been secured from The National Lottery Heritage Fund's Heritage Places long term funding initiative which runs until 2033.
- This funding was to be used to make heritage more accessible, and as such the project aimed to work with neighbourhoods and other organisations.
- A programme manager had been appointed to oversee this.
- Robust research gathering had been undertaken with the target audience.
- Areas to be addressed in the long-term were being looked at as there was the potential to secure further funding to deliver greater impact.
- It was being considered as to how to explore and share heritage, including 'hidden heritage'.
- It was being looked to develop a small grants scheme with an application process that was fair and transparent, to encourage organisations to become involved. Although there is a limited amount of funding available at this stage, it was hoped that this could scale up for the next stage.
- It was hoped to do more work with heritage across the city.

The Committee were invited to ask questions and make comments. Key points included:

- An Interim Steering Group had been established, and it was hoped to build on this. The initial funding was for two years, so for now this was an interim group.
- Stories that needed to be heard more would be noted, such as the historical diversity of Leicester in terms of the people living here and how Leicester became so diverse, as well as understanding Commonwealth contributions to the World Wars.
- In terms of the criteria for funding to meet, the small grants scheme would develop a grants process that would be fair and would allow many to apply. It was limited for now but was being looked to scale up in the future. It was being considered how funding would be awarded so as to ensure a diverse range of applications.
- In terms of promoting Leicester as a tourist attraction, particularly as an industrial city close to London, it was noted that the programme did not work in isolation. There was also the Story of Leicester

website and also the wider work of Leicester Arts and Museums to broaden participation and engagement with underserved communities, based on robust evidence and research.

- The NLHF Heritage Places funding would run for an eight-year period to 2033. The Council were currently in Stage 1 of the funding but would apply for more in the future.

AGREED:

- 1) That the presentation be noted.
- 2) That comments made by members of this commission to be taken into account.

154. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER POLICY UPDATE

The Service Manager for Asset Strategy gave a presentation updating the Commission on the amended Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Policy as outlined in the documents attached to the agenda pack. Including A Guide to Community Asset Transfer.

The Committee were invited to ask questions and make comments. Key points included:

- Members emphasised the importance of receiving clear and accessible supporting information when considering policy updates.
- A list would be provided to members detailing the buildings and operators of premises that had undergone a transfer.
- The importance of generating community awareness of CAT was noted.
- The Council's position focussed primarily on leasing, rather than disposal of assets.
- Shorter term leases were generally offered to promote compliancy.
- Heads of terms are used in the marketing stage of any CAT process and would be specific to the site being marketed. They set out the key terms of any lease.
- Costs were incurred by the Council due to landlord responsibilities including for Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) in order to let the building.
- The UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme had provided grant funding for some CAT organisations to deliver energy improvements and other capital improvements that support business viability.
- Members noted the success of asset transfers within the Braunstone and Rowley Fields ward, with officers commended on their community support.
- Members referenced the Locality national membership network

raising questions about the proposed policy updates. It was suggested that benchmarking against other local authorities could be useful, further to the benchmarking already completed by Neighbourhoods Services. Members stating that Locality had identified policies that Locality considered successful.

- A task group was requested by members to consider the implications of the policy updates and proposals.
- The Council remained committed to working in partnership with Ward Councillors and communities.
- The Council provided third party infrastructure support too, which provides assistance to groups during any CAT process.
- Ward Councillors did not have input at the procurement stage.
- The Guide to Community Asset Transfer included a process for determining if Community Organisations were suitable for the Community Asset Transfer Process and also a Process for full application review by Asset Transfer Review Group. It included where Ward Councillors were involved and also the CAT Decision route.
- Members highlighted the importance of community perception concerning policy implementation.
- The CAT policy was highlighted by members as being of key importance to matters pertaining to Community Centres and Libraries.
- Members having undergone CATs within their wards noted that the City Mayor had engaged fully with Ward Councillors. They welcomed the policy updates whilst other members held reservations.
- Legal advice would be sought and would be shared with the commission on whether Ward Councillors could be briefed about new CAT opportunities.
- Length of leases was dependent on the evidence criteria and business case submitted at application. Any lease longer than 7 years was legally classed as a disposal, generally leases were initially of 5 years to enable successful applicants to become established.
- A scoring matrix was inbuilt within the assessment policy to ensure fairness and transparency.

Councillor Barton left during the consideration of this item.

AGREED:

- 1) That the report be noted

- 2) That comments made by members of this commission be taken into account.
- 3) For the formation of a scrutiny Task Group, to consider the implications of the policy updates.
- 4) That a list of buildings and operators of premises having undergone CAT would be circulated to the commission.
- 5) For the legal position on ward councillor briefing to be shared to the commission.

155. WORK PROGRAMME

The report on Fly Tipping would come to the next meeting of the Commission.

The upcoming Burial Strategy could include information on Cremation Facilities.

A report on Selective Licensing could be added to the forward plan.

The work programme was noted.

156. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no further items of urgent business, the meeting finished at 19:22.



Ward Engagement & Funding Report 2024 – 25

Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission

4th November 2025

From: Lee Warner
Lead director: Sean Atterbury

Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
- Report author: Adam Lunn / Lee Warner
- Author contact details: lee.warner@leicester.gov.uk

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an outline of how Ward Funding was spent across the city between April 2024 and March 2025. This report seeks to provide an insight into the variety of projects and initiatives that took place in the wards, and some of those that were important to residents locally.

2. Summary

- 2.1 A yearly budget of £18,000 per ward is allocated which can be used to support projects that bring benefits to that ward. The total annual budget for ward funding is £378,000
- 2.2 In non-election years each ward is permitted to carry over up to 10% of the annual ward budget. The amount brought forward from 2023/24 into 2024/25 was £20,138 giving a total available budget for the year of £398,138
- 2.3 In 2024/2025 a total of 555 applications for Ward Funding were received. Of these 70 were withdrawn, leaving 485 for consideration. A total of 431 applications were successful in receiving Ward Funding.
- 2.4 The total amount of ward funding approved for grants for the financial year 2024/2025 was £381,261.
- 2.5 In total the wards were able to carry over an underspend of £14,529 to the current financial year, 2025/2026.
- 2.6 The report provides further detail on the category and type of grant funded activities delivered, the overall number of volunteers engaged, and the amount of matched funding leveraged.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the report on ward funding for the year 2024 – 25.

5. Report/Supporting information

- 5.1 The annual ward engagement and funding report is attached as appendix A.

6. Financial, legal and other implications

6.1 Financial implications

This report presents a summary of how ward funding has been spent across the city for 2024/25. As such there are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Stuart McAvoy – Head of Finance

21st October 2025

6.2 Legal implications

This is an update report outlining the Local Authority's Ward Expenditure between April 2024 and March 2025 - the Authority is empowered under the Localism Act 2011 to authorise expenditure benefiting local communities. Any ward spending will be subject to the Authority's Constitution including the Authority's Contracts Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and ensuring all applicable Procurement Rules are complied with and Subsidy Control Principles, where relevant.

Report reviewed and advice updated on 22 October 2025 by Mariyam Suleiman, Commercial Lawyer, Commercial Legal, Ext 3867

6.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

The Ward Funding makes a positive contribution to addressing the climate emergency by funding environmental projects, such as projects to support local biodiversity. In addition, projects with a primarily social purpose can sometimes have a positive climate impact too. For example, projects supporting more active lifestyles and social connections through walking or cycling.

Phil Ball, Sustainability Officer, Ext 2246

Dated: 22 October 2025

6.5 Equality Impact Assessment

There are no direct equality implications arising from this report as it is for noting, however the funding approved for grants will benefit organisations who provide services for people from across a range of protected characteristics. The flexibility to set local limits and criteria means that projects can be tailored to the demographic makeup and needs of that specific ward, rather than being forced into a 'one-size-fits-all' city-wide solution.

Protected groups under the Equality Act are age, disability, gender re-assignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
Surinder Singh Equalities Officer
Dated: 21 October 2025

Appendix A

Ward Engagement & Funding Report 2024 – 25

Date: 1 October 2025

Author: Adam Lunn

Lead Director: Sean Atterbury



Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an outline of how Ward Funding was spent across the city between April 2024 and March 2025. This report seeks to provide an insight into the variety of projects and initiatives that took place in the wards, and some of those that were important to residents locally.

Overview

A yearly budget of £18,000 per ward is allocated which can be used to support projects that bring benefits to that ward. The total annual budget for ward funding is £378,000

In non-election years each ward is permitted to carry over up to 10% of the annual ward budget. The amount brought forward from 2023/24 into 2024/25 was £20,138 giving **a total available budget for the year of £398,138**

In 2024/2025 a total of 555 applications for Ward Funding were received. Of these 70 were withdrawn, leaving 485 for consideration. A total of 431 applications were successful in receiving Ward Funding.

The total amount of ward funding approved for grants for the financial year 2024/2025 was £381,261. The wards were able to carry over an underspend of £14,529 to the current financial year, 2025/2026.

New ward funding guidelines were developed following recommendations from the Scrutiny task and finish group in early 2024. The guidelines were implemented part way through the financial year in November 2024. A key change included the removal of three assessment dates per year for applications over £500 which had delayed approvals for applications submitted early in each period. It is observed that overall approval timescales and payments for successful bids have been reduced as a result. The updated ward funding policy is included at the foot of this report.

The report provides further detail on the category and type of grant funded activities delivered, the overall number of volunteers engaged, and the amount of matched funding leveraged

What is Ward Community Funding?

Each of Leicester's 21 electoral wards is allocated a yearly budget of £18,000 which can be used to support projects that bring benefits to that ward. Councillors support a wide a range of activities, events and projects. Councillors also have the flexibility to make local arrangements for their ward to set limits on how much funding can be allocated to each application.

Wards

East	South	West
Belgrave	Aylestone	Abbey
Evington	Castle	Beaumont Leys
Humberstone and Hamilton	Eyres Monsell	Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields
North Evington	Knighton	Fosse
Rushey Mead	Saffron	Westcotes
Thurncourt	Spinney Hill	Western
Troon	Stoneygate	
	Wycliffe	

In 2024/2025 a total of 555 applications for Ward Funding were received. Of these 70 were withdrawn, leaving 485 for consideration. The table below provides an outline of the number of applications received and of those, the number withdrawn:

Wards	Number of applications received	Number of applications withdrawn	Number of applications for consideration
East	199	26	173
South	215	29	186
West	141	15	126
Total	555	70	485

Case study

Ward: Evington

Amount awarded: £3,500

Project name: Evington Annual Village Fete and Show

Summary of activity/event:

The Evington Village Fete and Show is an annual event within the Evington ward. This year the Fete and Show celebrated its twentieth year. The Event was originally organised to raise local awareness and participation in horticulture, arts and crafts; and to share traditional and new knowledge and skills, within the ward. The Event has now grown exponentially over the years and continues with its original ethos, while remaining within the co-ordination and management of a team of dedicated volunteers, who are supported by the ward councillors as a committed priority spend.

Outcome:

The Show encourages all residents to participate, fostering artistic talents and growing skills within all ages. The show has developed a cultural awareness and diversity that represents all residents within the ward and has grown into an event that promotes a unique, multicultural and immersive yearly show.

The application process

Councillors are supportive of projects that bring benefits to their ward and those that address local priorities. Councillors tend to want to support as wide a range of activities as possible and for this reason do not support many proposals which would take up a large proportion of their funds. To assist with this, Councillors have the flexibility to make local arrangements for their ward to set limits on how much funding can be allocated to each application.

Each application is reviewed against key priorities defined locally by ward Councillors and against predefined criteria ensuring applications do not breach any of the funding conditions as set out within the Ward Funding Policy, as outlined below

What cannot be funded?

Ward Community funding cannot be used for the following:

1. Staffing, except temporary staff or specialist staff brought in to do a specific and short-term piece of work (for up to a maximum of 12 months)
2. Full costs of infrastructure, running costs or capital investment
3. Recoverable VAT – Ward Funding cannot be awarded for monies that will be reclaimed back as recoverable VAT by the applicant / organisation
4. Any liability arising out of illegality or negligence
5. Any form of gambling (except small fundraising activities e.g., raffle, tombola)
6. Exclusively religious activity
7. Political activity
8. Applications where previously awarded funds have not been accounted for with an evaluation and evidence of expenditure
9. An event or activity which has already taken place e.g. an application that is submitted on the day of or after the activity, event, or project has taken place (Retrospective Application).

Following the review of each application, Councillors are presented with an assessment, summarising the key points of the application and any additional information received on request. It will include a recommendation to Support or Reject, highlighting the merits and/or limitations of the application, based on officer opinion. Ward Councillors are asked to consider these findings to determine their decisions.

Case study

Ward: Westcotes

Amount awarded: £750

Project name: Diamond Art – Family Workshops

Summary of activity/event:

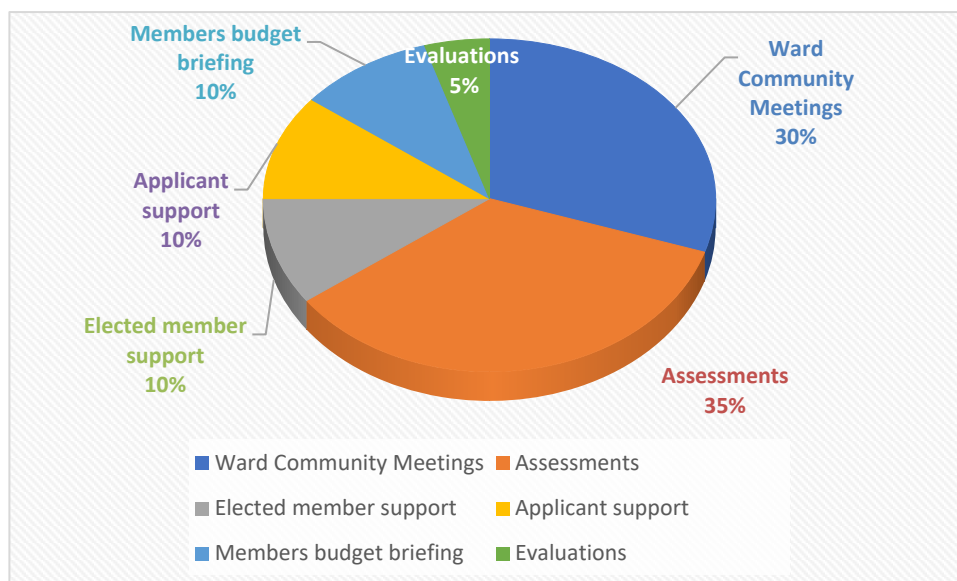
'Diamond Art Family Workshops' are specialist family art workshops aimed at working with people who experience mental health within the family. This funding supported a six-week summer programme, consisting of two hourly community based workshops. The Workshops provided a safe space, and time for families to sit together, and begin to discuss topics, while developing an art project.

Outcome:

The overall outcome of the project was to assist families to communicate with each other, and to appreciate the differences in one another's abilities within the family dynamics. The Workshops were oversubscribed, resulting in a waiting list for future workshops. The respondents' feedback highlighted the need for a space and support for the people who live with mental illness in their families.

Ward Engagement Duties

The ward engagement team manage all aspects of Ward Funding Applications, from submission by applicant right up until the evaluation has been received. Officers also organise and facilitate Ward Community meetings across the city. Although every day can be different for each Ward Community Engagement Officer, below is an approximate breakdown of time spent on various duties, followed by a brief description.



Applicant support

Ward Community Engagement Officers provide one to one support to applicants wanting to apply for Ward Funding. Officers meet with applicants in person, at either Community Centres or Libraries, where they provide advice and support with submitting their application. Officers will discuss the process with applicants along with explaining the requirements needed to meet the criteria and guidelines, including the evaluation stage. Officers also provide support to applicants over the phone and via e-mail.

Assessments

Once an application has been submitted, it will be assigned to the relevant Officer who is responsible for bids relating to the ward that has been applied to. Officers read through each application and contact the applicant to gather any additional information. Once all necessary information has been received, an assessment is then completed with an overview of the project, and a detailed check that the application meets ward funding guidelines. Every assessment is peer moderated by another Ward

Community Engagement Officer and then group moderated for a final time by all officers.

Budget meetings

Ward Community Engagement Officers arrange to meet with Ward Councillors to discuss all of the applications which have been received, ensuring assessments and applications are supplied prior to the meeting. During the budget meeting, Officers and Councillors discuss each application and assessment and confirm their decision.

Councillors may ask for additional information to support their decision which may require officers to make further contact with applicants before Councillors can make a final decision.

Applications will also be e-mailed to Ward Councillors. Officers will then monitor the outcome and responses. Once a decision is reached on an application, the Ward Funding database is updated accordingly. All supported applications are listed on a report generated ahead of Executive sign off. Once supported applications have been signed off by the appointed Executive Lead, payments are processed, and Officers send confirmation e-mails to all applicants informing them of the outcome of their application.

Evaluations

For every application that has been supported, an evaluation along with evidence of expenditure is required by the stated deadline. If these are not received by the given deadline, Officers follow up with applicants. Applications are only closed once evaluations have been received and receipts and invoices checked to reconcile expenditure for audit purposes.

Elected Member support

Ward Engagement officers provide support to Elected Members in relation to Ward Funding Applications and their Ward budget, Ward Community Meetings, community patch walks and general enquiries about work within their wards.

Case study

Ward: Eyres Monsell and Saffron

Amount awarded: £2,000 (£1,000 per ward)

Project name: The Friendship Group

Summary of activity/event:

The Friendship Group is a social inclusion and support group based at the Pork Pie Library, with the age ranging from 40 to 101 years old. The Group provides and participates in activities and events, organised by the volunteer group leader. Aimed at supporting people in the Eyres Monsell and Saffron wards, it provides group support to reduce the fear, and the impact of [negative] mental health, caused by social isolation.

The Group supports up to forty members from the two wards, through two weekly sessions, one of which being a weekly lunch club, helping members of the group within these wards to receive at least one hot meal per week.

Outcome:

The Friendship Group members state that they greatly benefit from the activities and support of the group. The weekly lunch club not only provides a wholesome hot meal, but also companionship and interaction. The £2,000 ward funding benefits 40 people, over two years, which equates to 50p per visit.

Successful applications

Between April 2024 and March 2025, out of 485, a total of **431** applications were successful in receiving Ward Funding. The following table provides details of the number of successful applications per ward grouping:

Wards	Number of applications received for consideration	Number supported up to £500	Number supported over £500	Total Number supported	Total Number not supported
East	173	84	66	150	23
South	186	76	81	157	29
West	126	62	62	124	2
Total	485	222	209	431	54

Types of ward funded activity

Ward Funding was provided for a number of local priorities and events determined by ward Councillors. As part of analysing the successful applications, each project/activity was identified under the most appropriate category relative to the purpose of funding. This support councillors to monitor the allocation of grant funding according to their agreed ward priorities. The categories are identified as follows:

Category	Description
Arts and Culture e.g. Celebratory Events	Projects that are specified as arts related or include key cultural aspects. These can sometimes be inclusive around religion for example Holi, Eid, Christmas and Halloween events, that are open to all.
Developing and Supporting Communities	Projects designed to meet the current needs of the community, making neighbourhoods stronger and empowering for sustainable development such as mental health advice workshops, school projects, community information events and foodbanks.
Education and Improving Skills	Projects that support the community in gaining further skills such as ICT, numeracy and literacy, employability and self-confidence.

Environmental	Projects that help improve the environment throughout neighbourhoods and communities such as City Warden clean ups, clearance of fly tips, litter picking campaigns, and work in parks with volunteers.
Social and Community	Projects that promote community cohesion, integration and networking such as family fun days, day trips and lunch clubs.
Sports and Leisure	Projects that improve health and well-being through sports and leisure such as football tournaments, various sporting activities, indoor bowls, dance troupes, and knit and natter groups.
Other work e.g. Traffic and Highways	Other work/initiatives including highway improvements, speeding, and traffic safety including installation of bollards.

The table below provides an outline of the number of applications supported across the different types of activity.

	Type of activity							
Wards	Arts & Culture	Developing & Supporting Communities /Volunteering	Education and Improving Skills	Environmental	Social and Community	Sports/ Leisure	Other	Total
East	8	76	6	7	21	23	9	150
South	15	67	5	14	27	16	13	157
West	16	55	14	7	11	12	9	124
Total	39	198	25	28	59	51	31	431

Case study

Ward: Western

Amount awarded: £2,880

Project name: GNR8

Summary of activity/event:

GNR8 provide community boxing classes for young people, along with weekly exercise classes, and holiday sports camps. GNR8 works with boys aged 7 -11 years from low socio-economic backgrounds, with the aim being to reduce crime and Anti-Social Behaviour, and to promote life skills, physical and mental good health. Through ward funding GNR8 expanded their community boxing classes to work with young girls, to boost their inclusivity, confidence, and self-worth.

Outcomes:

The outcomes for the boxing project were to contribute to a reduction in -

- Local Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- An improvement in Mental Health and Wellbeing
- An increase in Inclusivity, Resilience and Fun

Above all the GNR8 Project boosted the inclusivity, discipline and enjoyment through diversionary youth work and physical and mental discipline with the young people in the ward.

Volunteer engagement

The table below provides information about the estimated number of volunteers engaged in organising, coordinating, and delivering ward funded activities.

Wards	Volunteers per session	Total Number of sessions / Activities	Total volunteer hours
East	1624	2297	6366
South	1856	2908	6647
West	1102	4010	1521
Total	4582	9215	14,534

Council schemes

Through discussions with residents and Council services, ward specific priorities or issues are often identified. A total of 34 applications for Council led projects/schemes were awarded Ward Funding to a total value of **£53,244** (14.8% of the total amount of funding awarded) to help address local issues and priorities that could not be funded by core service budgets. The table below provides details of the service areas that received funding in 2024/25.

Wards	Number of schemes	Amount of funding
City Wardens	6	£8,321
Festivals/Events	1	£3,000
Highways/Transport	5	£8,668
Housing	1	£6,000
Libraries	12	£6,968
Environmental	7	£16,127
Handy Person Services	1	£141
Cleansing Services	1	£4,000
Total	34	£53,245

Declared 'Other Sources' of Funding

As part of the application process, applicants show how the projects/activities are supported through other sources of funding. In total £524,145 of matched funding was leveraged through the Ward Funding scheme. The table below shows the matched funding by ward grouping area:

Wards	Amount
East	£70,294
South	£262,078
West	£191,774
Total	£524,146

Ward Community Funding Policy

1. What is Ward Community funding?

- Each ward has been allocated a yearly budget of £18,000 which can be used to support activities, events and projects that bring benefits to that ward. This guidance explains how individuals, groups, and organisations can apply for Ward Community funding, how funding decisions are made, and what applicants can expect during the application process.
- Elected Members are keen to support a wide range of activities and for this reason are unlikely to support proposals which would take up a large proportion of their funds. Elected Members also have the flexibility to make local arrangements for their ward to set limits on how much funding can be allocated to each application.

2. Support for Applicants

- Support is available for applicants. No previous experience is necessary to complete an application.
- If you need help or advice on completing the form, please contact the Council's Ward Engagement Team:

By Phone: **0116 454 1940**

By Email: community.meetings@leicester.gov.uk

- If you need support to access the web application form please feel free to visit any of our [libraries and multi-service centers](#) where we will be able to assist you to contact the Ward Engagement Team or take you to the appropriate area online using the Council's free public access computers.

3. What will not be funded?

- Ward Community funding **cannot** be used for the following:
 - Staffing, except temporary staff or specialist staff brought in to do a specific and short-term piece of work (for up to a maximum of 12 months)
 - Full costs of infrastructure, running costs or capital investment

- Recoverable VAT – Ward Funding cannot be awarded for monies that will be reclaimed back as recoverable VAT by the applicant / organisation
- Any liability arising out of illegality or negligence
- Any form of gambling (except small fundraising activities e.g., raffle, tombola)
- Exclusively religious activity
- Political activity
- Applications where previously awarded funds have not been accounted for with an evaluation and evidence of expenditure
- An event or activity which has already taken place e.g. an application that is submitted after the activity, event, or project has taken place (Retrospective Application).

3. Who can make a Ward Community Funding application?

- Applications will be considered that are made by individuals, community groups, voluntary organisations, statutory agencies, and partners, that live, work, or have any other interest in the ward.
- Applications demonstrating self-sustainability, value for money and in particular the use of match funding are highly encouraged.
- The size and resources of the applicant are likely to be considered when determining the merits of a grant application.
- Within each financial year first time applications will be prioritised to support as many different community organisations as possible. However, repeat applicants will be considered in the same or concurrent financial year, provided that the activity, event or project is different.
- Applications can be made to a maximum of three wards, for which applicants must be able to demonstrate benefits spanning across all three wards.
- Elected Members are not permitted to submit funding applications and must declare any interest in applications submitted where applicable.

4. How to make an application?

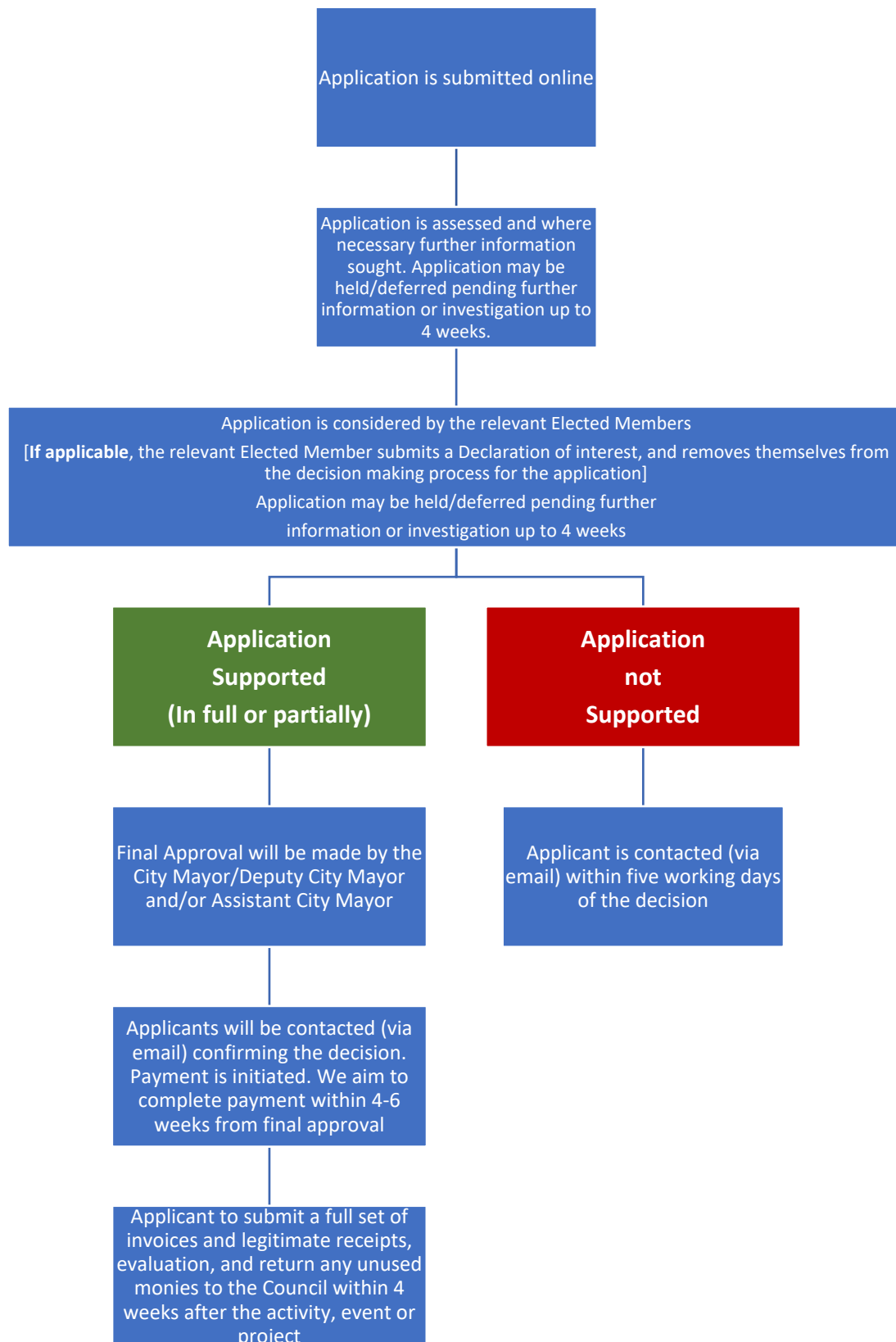
- Applications should be submitted using the Council's Web application form. [Please click here to access the application form.](#)

- **All sections of the form must be completed.**
- Having the following information available in advance will assist you when completing the application form:
 - Number of people attending from the ward(s)
 - Number of people attending from outside the ward(s)
 - Number of Volunteers involved
 - Date of the event/activity/project
 - Previous funding received in the past five years
 - Audited accounts (where applicable)
 - DBS information, if working with unsupervised children (under 16) or vulnerable people
 - Risk Assessment
 - Public Liability Insurance (where required)
 - Full breakdown of your expenditure, including costs
 - Full Bank Account details
 - Name and contact details, including date of birth, of the person responsible for the finances.
- **Please note that you may be required to provide additional information, or clarify information submitted in your application, as part of the application and assessment process.**

5. When to apply?

- You should submit your application as soon as possible – especially if it is for an activity, event or project that will take place at a specific time during the year.
- Applications must be submitted a minimum of 6 weeks before the start date of the activity.
- **Remember that funding cannot be made for activities, events or projects that have already taken place (i.e. retrospectively) so it is vital you submit your application in time.**
- It can take up to 6-8 weeks after the submission deadline for decisions to be made. This is to allow sufficient time to make further enquiries relating to the application, if necessary, and to provide an opportunity for the Elected Members to carefully consider the applications before a final decision is made

6. Application process



7. Funding conditions for successful applications

- Funding must only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded, as set out in your application and/or any other agreed conditions approved in writing.
- Full evaluation and proof of expenditure should be submitted within four weeks from the end of the activity, event or project, or as outlined in the outcome email.
- The Council may reject applications for any future funding and/or require you to repay funding and return items purchased with Ward funding if:
 - You do not use the funding for the purpose for which it was issued or for a purpose for which it cannot be used.
 - Your organisation closes, or sells, or transfers, or ceases to carry out the activity, event or project.
 - You significantly change the activity, event or project for which the funding was given without our prior written approval.
 - You have given false or misleading information to us.
 - Full evaluation and proof of expenditure (only legitimate receipts are acceptable) has not been submitted at the end of your activity.
- You must acknowledge the funding we give you in your publicity and other similar literature (where appropriate).
- Funding must not be used for activities, events or projects that would bring the Council into disrepute.
- The Council shall not be responsible for liability to third parties, for any debts or liabilities you incur or that are incurred through any act or omission by you. Any such debts or liabilities shall be your entire responsibility.
- The Council shall not be responsible for the omission of undertaking, and implementing a full risk assessment, and the implementation of the control measures, this is your entire responsibility.
- The Council shall not be responsible for the purchase of the Public Liability insurance, where required this is your entire responsibility.
- **Safeguarding** – where the activity, event or project falls within the definition of a regulated activity relating to children and/or to vulnerable adults, the group/organisation shall ensure that all individuals engaged in the activity, event or project are:
- Subject to a valid enhanced disclosure check undertaken through the

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) including a check against the adults' barred list or the children's barred list, as appropriate; and

- Shall not employ or use the services of any person who is barred from, or whose previous conduct or records indicate that they would not be suitable to carry out Regulated Activity or who may otherwise present a risk to users.
- A Risk Assessment should be completed for your activity, event or project, and where applicable public liability insurance must be obtained.

8. Where can I get further information?

More information about Ward Community Funding and the application process can be found on the [Ward Community](#) pages on the Council's website.



Flytipping Update

Culture & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission

Date of meeting: 03/11/2025

Lead director/officer: Sean Atterbury

Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
- Report author: Brian Stafford
- Author contact details: brian.stafford@leicester.gov.uk
- Report version number: 1.0

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides an update on flytipping in Leicester since the last report from January 2025.
- 1.2. Detailed findings and next steps are set out in the appended presentation.

2. Recommendation(s) to scrutiny:

2.1 Culture & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission are invited to:

- Note the contents and findings of the report.
- Comment on the report.

3. Detailed report

3.1 Through the Environment Protection Act 1990, local authorities as a 'duty body' have a statutory duty to keep both specified land clear of litter and refuse, and to keep clean public highways for which they are responsible. The duty is to keep both categories of land as clean, so far as is practicable. Within this framework the City Council has two service areas that ensuring the Council's duty is met, Cleansing Services, and City Wardens, these services having direct responsibility for managing litter and fly-tipping.

3.2 In managing litter and fly-tipping, the City Wardens and Cleansing Services adopt the 'Four Ps':

- Prepare the capability and capacity of Leicester City Council and its partners to deliver a response that is more effective, efficient, economic and equitable
- Protect Leicester City Council and other land from being the destination of litter and fly-tips
- Prevent the occurrence of litter and fly-tipping by encouraging and facilitating the proper use of the street environment
- Pursue perpetrators of littering and fly-tipping to recover costs, impose punitive sanctions and deter them and others from similar behaviour

3.3 Since 2015/16 there has been a reduction of 26% of flytipping across the city – down from 9442 incidents to 6966 for 2024/25. Other than a spike in the Covid-19 pandemic year, fly tips have decreased steadily over the past 10 years.

3.4 Some areas of the city remain high in their flytipping rates – these are in general the dense urban inner-city areas with large populations.

3.5 Comparisons to other local authorities across the country are favourable. Leicester's fly tipping rate is 18.9 incidents per 1000 population, compared to 92.2 reported in Nottingham in 2023/24, 45.3 for Peterborough and 39.3 and 23.4 for Liverpool and Manchester respectively.

- 3.6 Fly tips can be reported via a variety of methods – such as Love Clean Streets, direct reports to services or patrolling teams. Fly tips will be passed over for investigation by the City Wardens service. If no evidence is found, then the fly tip will be removed for safety reasons. Around half of all fly tips cannot be identified due to a lack of evidence. More complex cases will be referred to the Enviro Crime team for investigation.
- 3.7 The Council may take enforcement action where evidence has been collected. Interviews under caution may take place and fines and clean up costs will be charged back to the perpetrator when guilt is admitted. Where required, cases will be taken to the Magistrate court for prosecution.
- 3.8 Education and community awareness are also key tools - events such as school litter picks, education fairs help to promote the message of recycling waste properly. Other initiatives include the Bins on Streets campaigns and area-specific targeted interventions, usually through the development of a Ward Action Plan for an area.
- 3.9 A review of the strategy is planned that will factor in the new waste legislation for 2026. Ward action plans will be developed for those most-affected wards in conjunction with councillors.

4. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

4.1 Financial Implications

As an update report, there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Stuart McAvoy – Head of Finance

22nd October 2025

4.2 Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from the contents of this report. Local authorities are responsible for investigating, clearing and taking appropriate action in relation to small scale fly tipping on public land. The Environment Agency is responsible for dealing with larger scale fly tipping (more than a lorry load), hazardous waste and fly-tipping by organised gangs. It is the government intention through the Crime and Policing Bill to issue statutory guidance on fly-tipping enforcement to local authorities. If enacted, local authorities will be required to have due regard to the guidance.

Signed: F Hajat

Dated: 21st October 2025

4.3 Equalities Implications

Under the Equality Act 2010, public authorities have a Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which means that, in carrying out their activities, they have a statutory duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't, and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't. The PSED is a continuing duty and remains with the authority, it is important to monitor and, where necessary, set expectations to ensure that due regard is paid to the general aims. Protected Characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Fly-tipping and littering is

unsightly and can affect the quality of life and sense of safety of residents and communities who see it. It is important to make communications and messages about available services accessible. It is important that equality considerations are taken into account when the strategy is reviewed

Signed: Equalities Officer, Surinder Singh, Ext 37 4148

Dated: 22 October 2025

4.4 Climate Emergency Implications

There are limited climate emergency implications directly associated with this report. More widely, work to ensure waste is disposed of correctly may have a positive impact through increasing rates of recycling within the city, as well as preventing waste from entering natural habitats within the city.

Signed: Phil Ball, Sustainability Officer, Ext 372246

Dated: 22/10/2025

4.5 Other Implications

None

Signed:

Dated:

5. Background information and other papers:

6. Summary of appendices:

Appendix 1 – Fly tipping update presentation

Fly-tipping update

November 2025

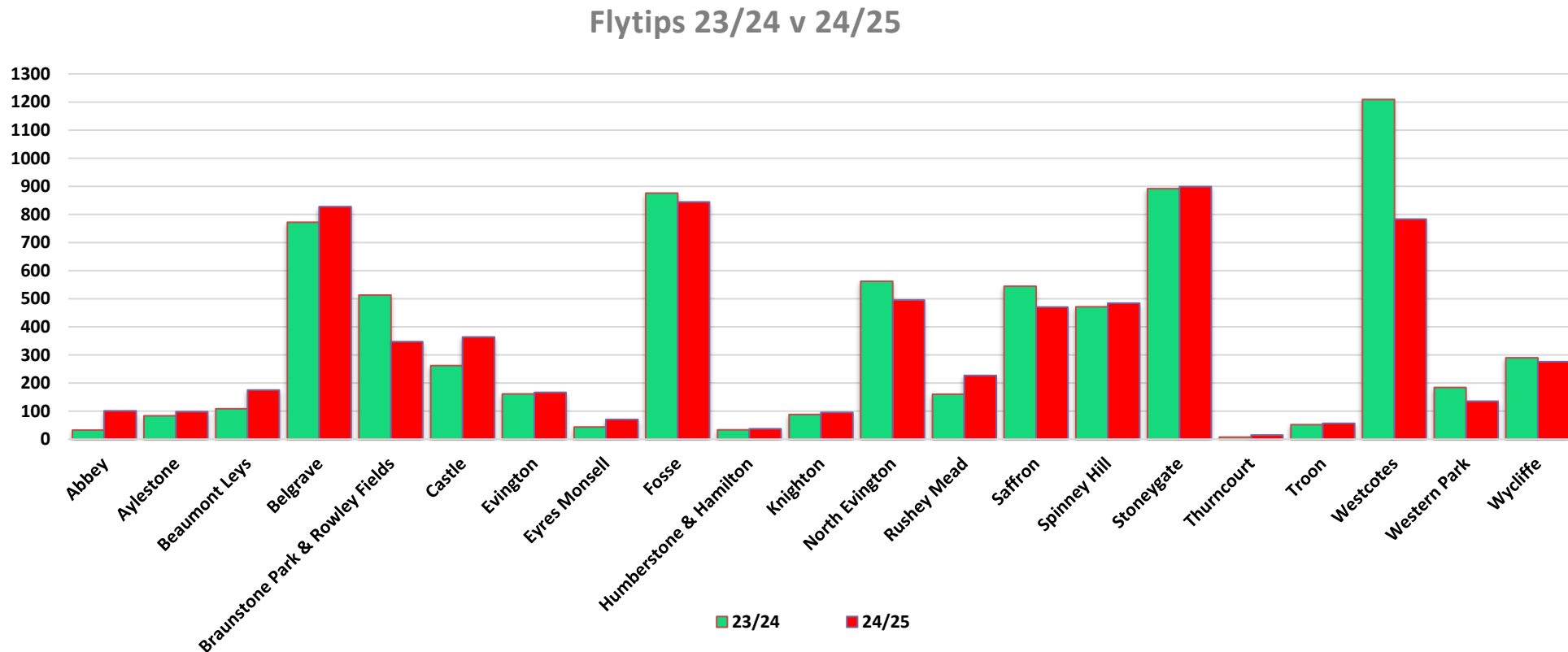
Brian Stafford
Head of Standards and Development

Background

- *This presentation provides an update on fly-tipping in Leicester since the last report in January 2025.*
- *The council has a strategic approach to managing fly tipping in the city, and a previous strategy that will be refreshed in line with the new waste strategy linked to changes in waste collection services.*
- ∞ • *It takes a holistic approach and looks at how the main services work together to tackle both litter and flytipping issues, either as project work or business as usual.*
- *It identifies trends in the baseline data and gaps in the service delivery with a targeted city-wide action plan to go alongside this.*
- *All data within this report is source from actual fly tipping incidents that were responded to by Cleansing Services.*

Key headlines

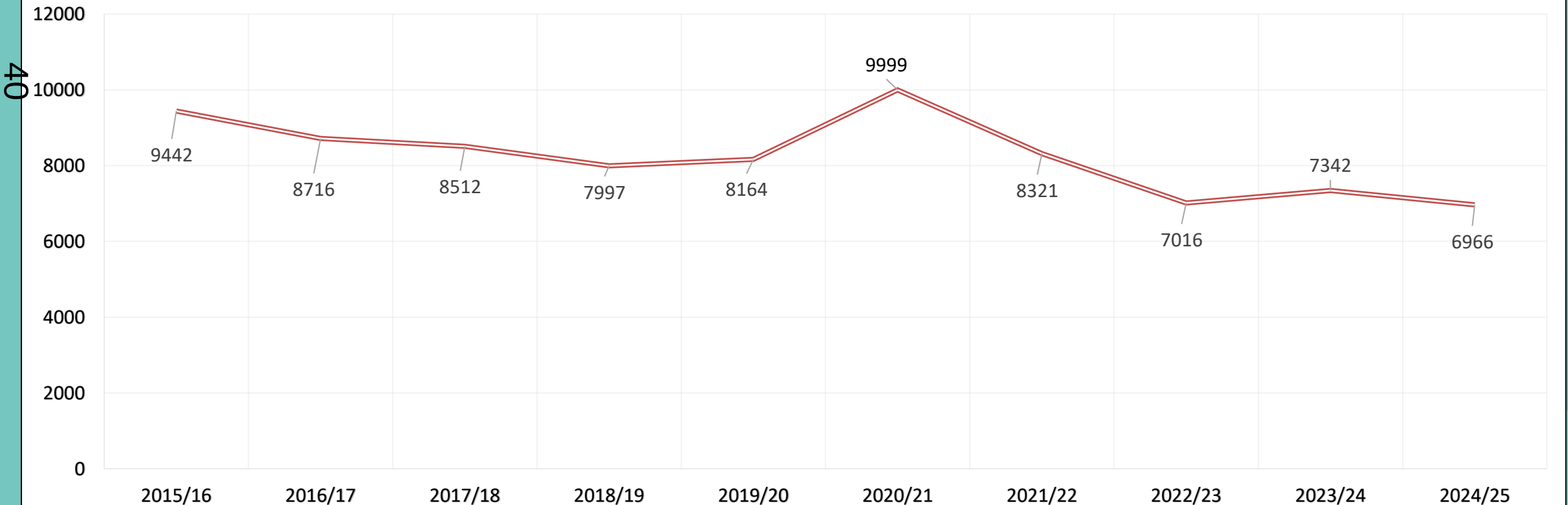
- There was an overall small decrease in flytipping from 23/24 to 24/25 – 7342 to 6966 – decrease of 5.4%



Key headlines

- Gradual trend of decreasing fly tips across the city over 10 year period since 2015 leading to a 10 year reduction of 26% in the city

Flytipping in Leicester between 2015/16 to present

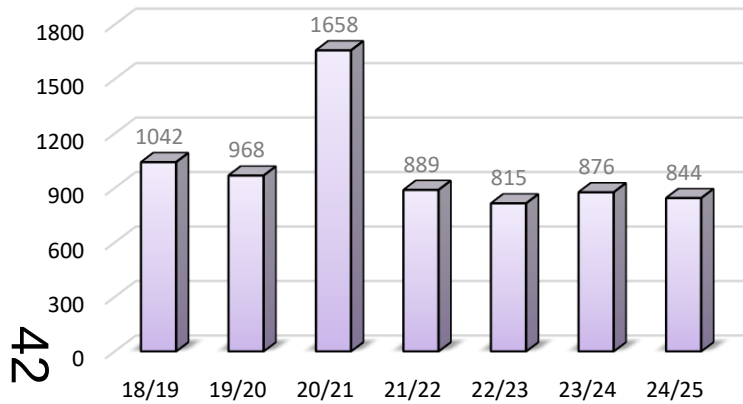


Flytipping data 2025 to date – in ranking order of wards

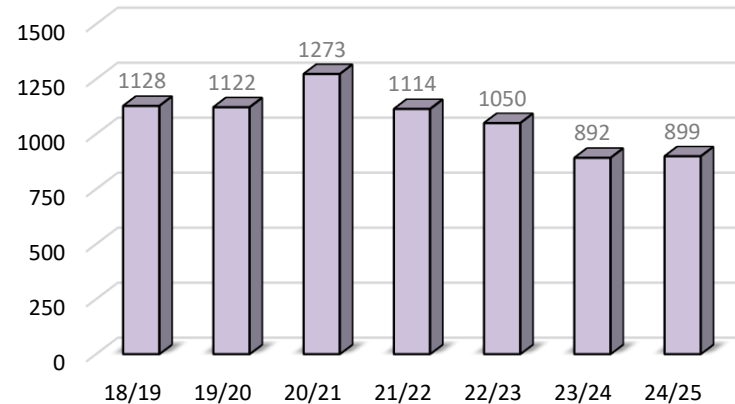
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WARD	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	TOTAL	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	TOTAL	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	TOTAL		
Fosse	104	95	91	290	66	46	65	177	104	61	64	229		696
Stoneygate	57	63	44	164	80	81	93	254	79	64	61	204		622
Belgrave	84	56	59	199	75	43	53	171	60	67	77	204		574
North Evington	27	62	32	121	46	56	65	167	76	39	36	151		439
Westcotes	31	61	39	131	33	37	27	97	61	52	52	165		393
Spinney Hill	18	48	24	90	17	55	32	104	32	27	27	86		280
Wycliffe	20	15	25	60	14	31	27	72	47	30	38	115		247
Saffron	15	28	30	73	29	14	32	75	13	36	54	103		251
Rushey Mead	20	19	18	57	43	19	18	80	30	16	21	67		204
Beaumont Leys	22	18	26	66	18	22	18	58	27	19	24	70		194
Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields	17	33	19	69	13	29	8	50	20	20	33	73		192
Castle	8	25	25	58	17	7	19	43	3	33	43	79		180
Western Park	16	13	12	41	26	9	23	58	14	12	11	37		136
Evington	8	19	19	46	14	25	6	45	6	3	3	12		103
Aylestone	10	10	10	30	11	6	9	26	8	9	26	43		99
Abbey	8	11	10	29	9	10	7	26	15	13	10	38		93
Knighton	3	8	3	14	7	2	5	14	2	16	10	28		56
Humberstone & Hamilton	5	3	4	12	4	5	4	13	9	7	14	30		55
Eyres Monsell	8	3	7	18	6	2	5	13	3	5	6	14		45
Troon	2	2	0	4	13	2	10	25	9	3	3	15		44
Thurncourt	4	0	1	5	3	3	1	7	3	1	5	9		21

Flytipping data – ward charts

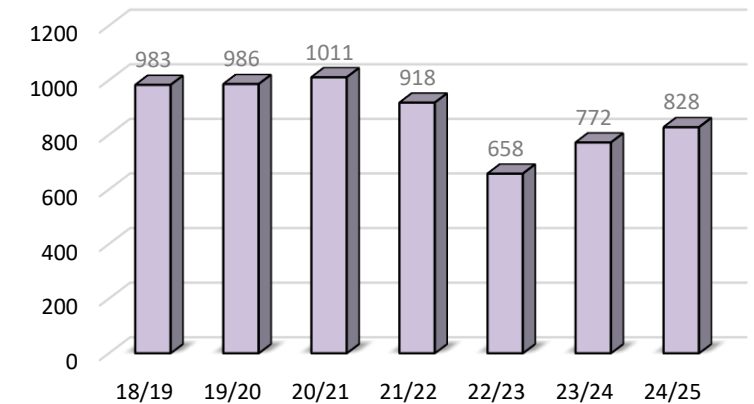
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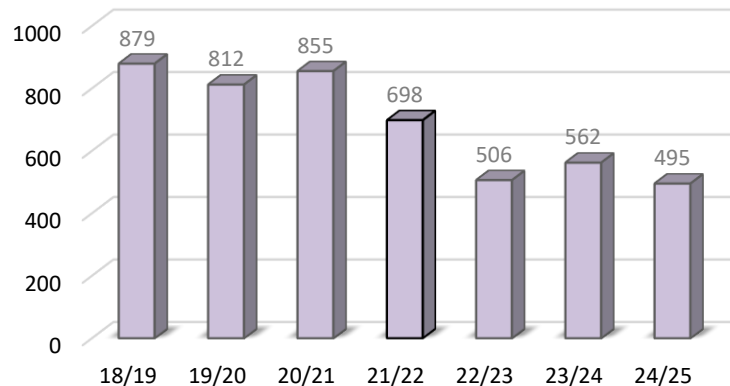
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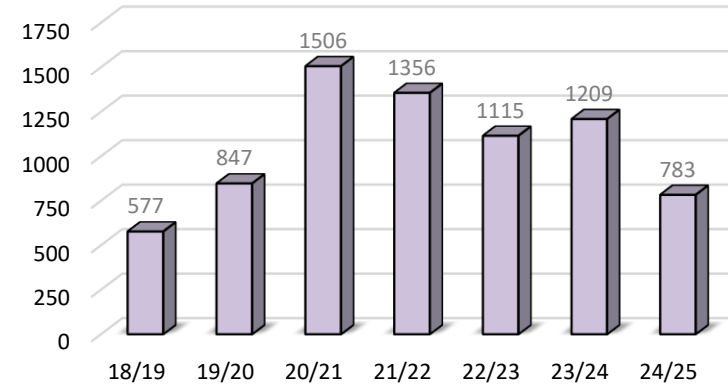
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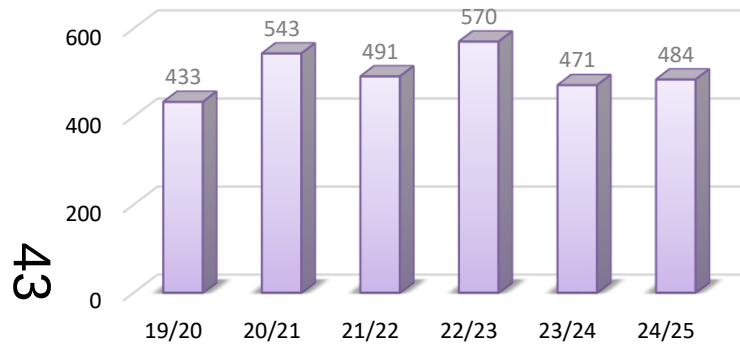


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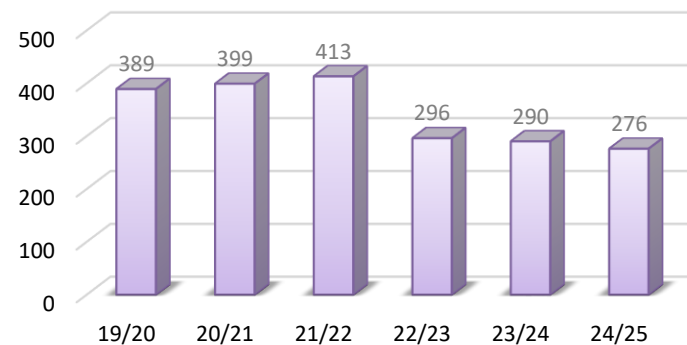


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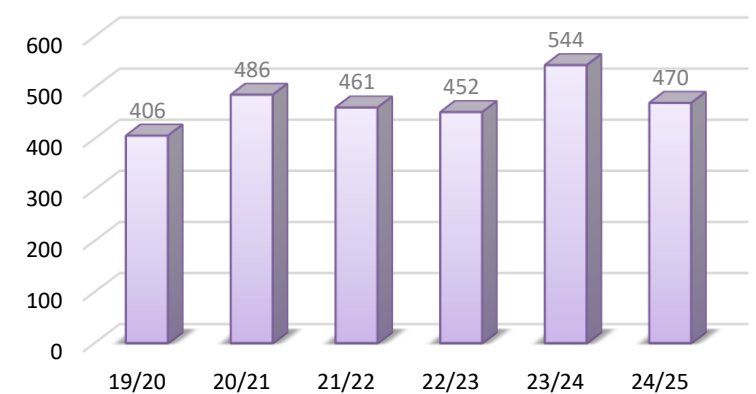
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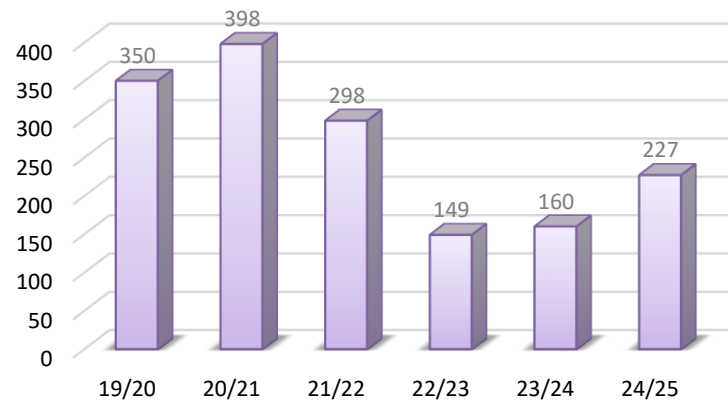
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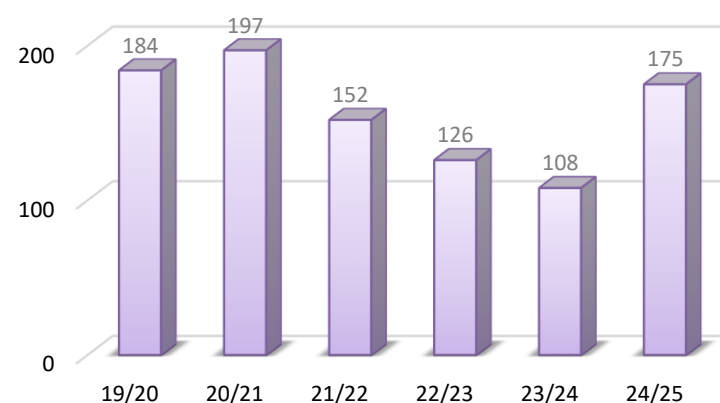
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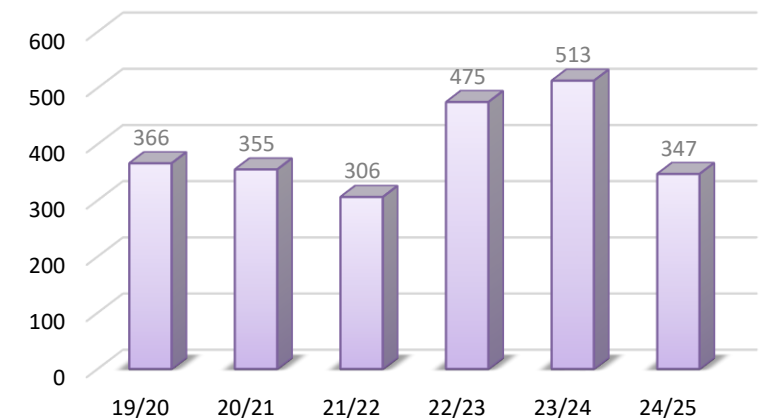
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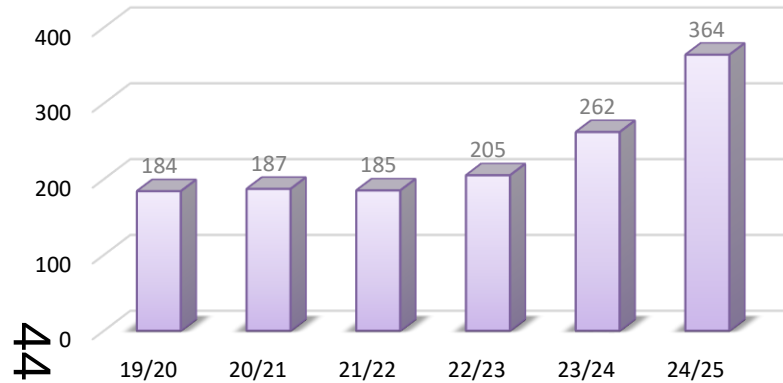


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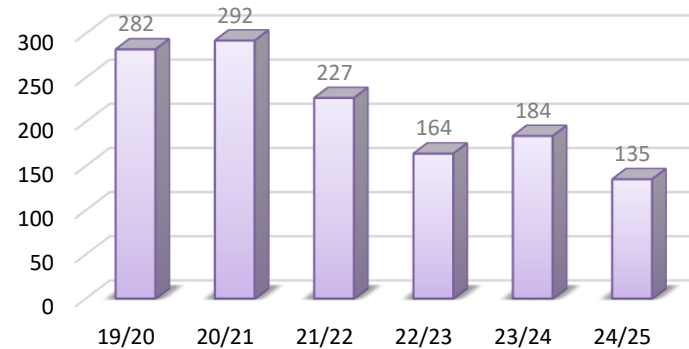


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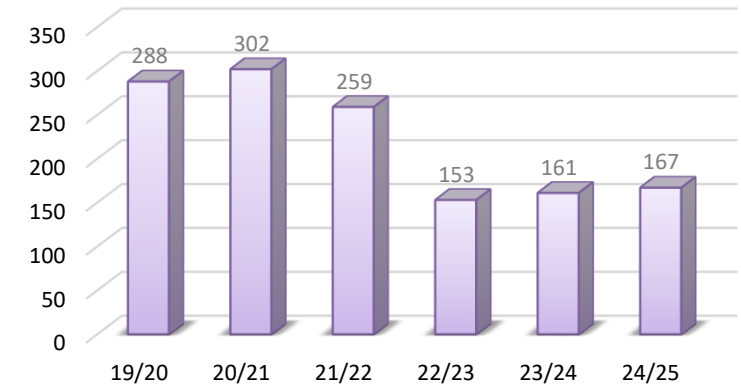
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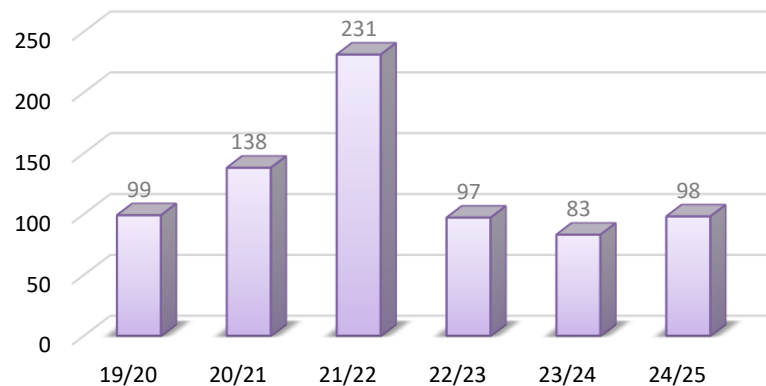
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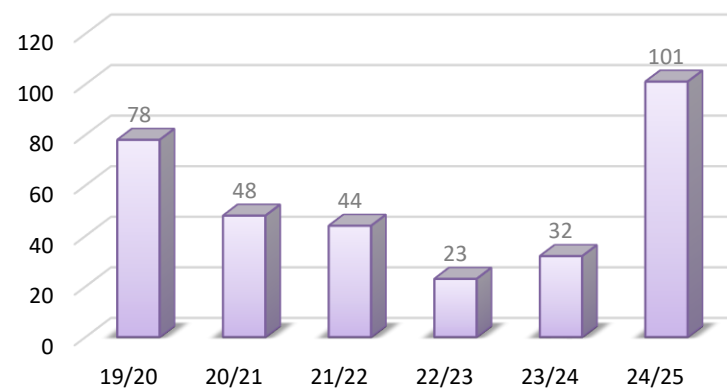
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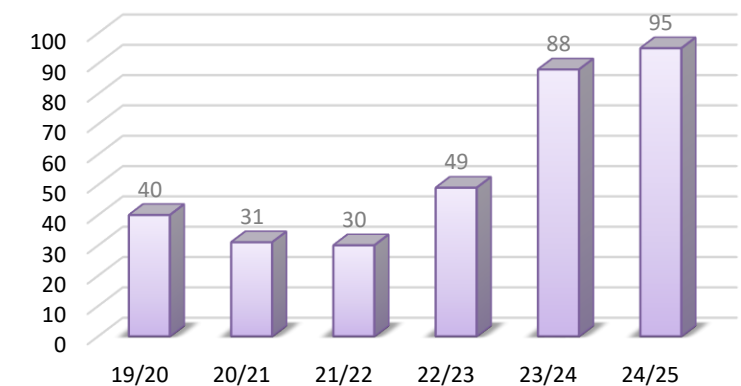
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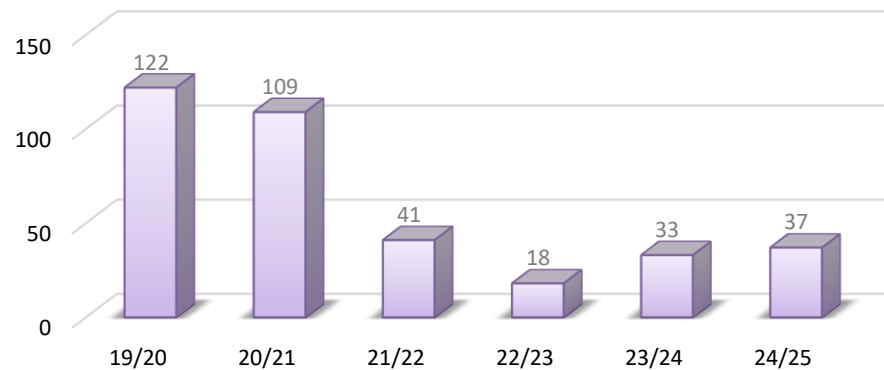


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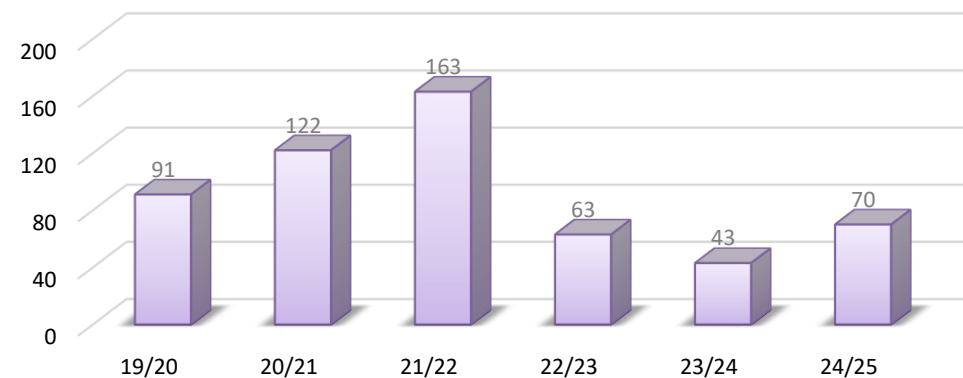


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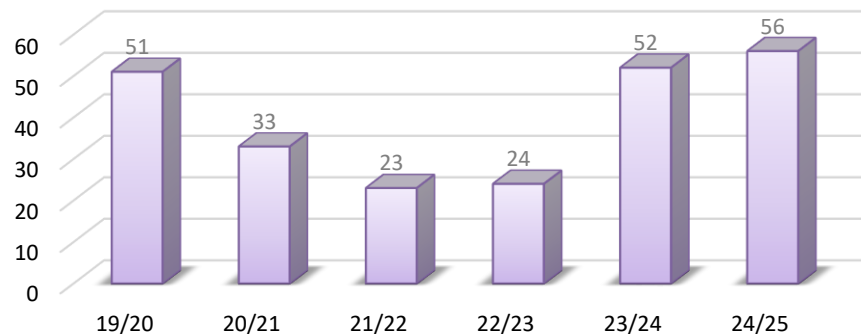
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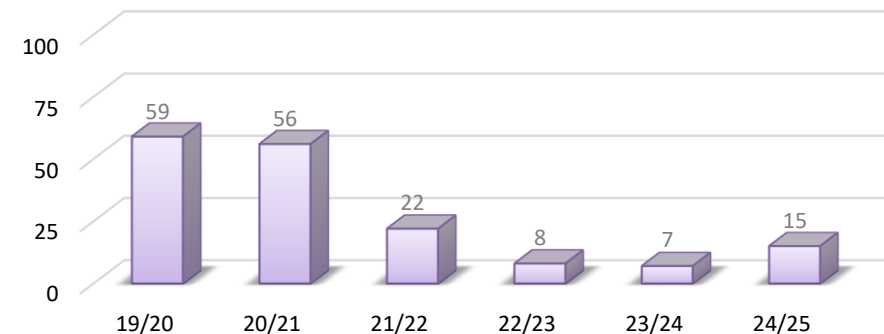
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Thurncourt



Flytipping data per capita per ward

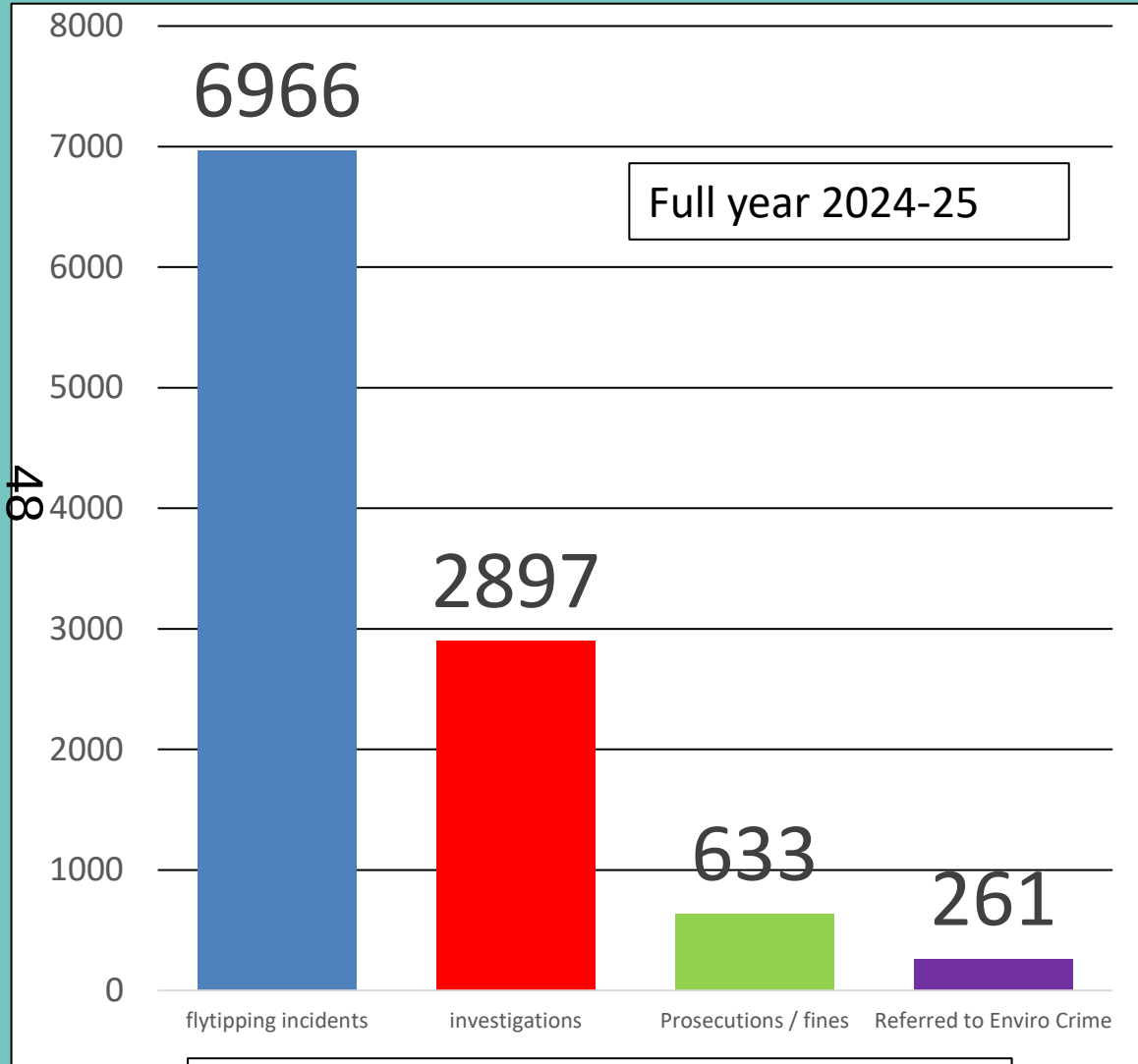
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Stoneygate	1128	1122	1273	1114	1050	892	899	42.6
Fosse	1042	968	1658	889	815	876	844	58.7
Belgrave	983	986	1011	918	658	772	828	40.3
Westcotes	577	847	1506	1356	1115	1209	783	49.6
North Evington	879	812	855	698	506	562	495	20.7
Saffron	475	406	486	461	452	544	470	33.8
Castle	201	184	187	185	205	262	364	15.4
Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields	301	366	355	306	475	513	347	16.5
Spinney Hill	523	433	543	491	570	471	484	21.2
Wycliffe	545	389	399	413	296	290	276	17.5
Rushey Mead	289	350	398	298	149	160	227	13.1
Beaumont Leys	165	184	197	152	126	108	175	9.3
Evington	296	288	302	259	153	161	167	9.7
Western Park	190	282	292	227	164	184	135	8.7
Abbey	75	78	48	44	23	32	101	4.6
Aylestone	85	99	138	231	97	83	98	8.2
Knighton	40	40	31	30	49	88	95	5.2
Eyres Monsell	50	91	122	163	63	43	70	5.8
Troon	51	51	33	23	24	52	56	3.8
Humberstone & Hamilton	114	122	109	41	18	33	37	1.7
Thurncourt	52	59	56	22	8	7	15	1.2
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Benchmark data

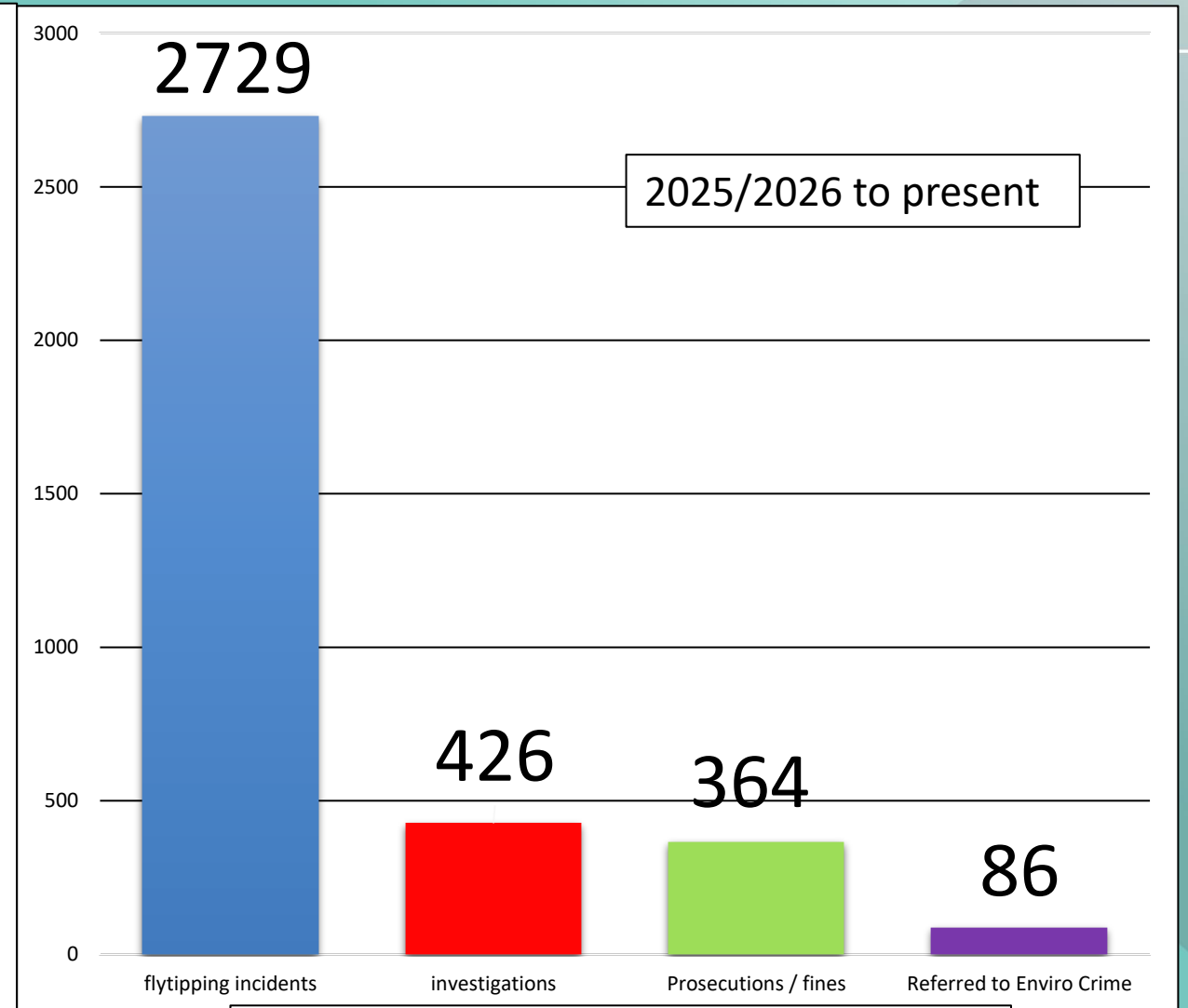
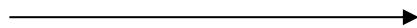
- Flytipping in Leicester has been consistent for many years and compares well against other local authorities, especially neighbouring councils.*

Local Authority	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	23/24 per 1,000 pop
Leicester City Council	9,442	8,716	8,512	7,997	8,164	9,999	8,321	7,016	7,342	18.9
Nottingham City Council	3,907	-	7,374	7,864	10,859	11,148	13,608	21,298	30,511	92.2
Derby City Council	4,283	5,316	5,640	6,004	5,728	7,207	6,375	5,955	4,833	17.6
Peterborough City Council	6,765	8,186	7,198	7,282	6,820	9,744	8,981	9,943	10,128	45.3
Birmingham City Council	12,348	14,799	15,993	17,575	21,761	22,750	23,153	15,807	17,823	15.1
Camden Council	7,268	6,778	12,170	25,765	34,465	36,696	32,517	31,457	34,786	160.3
Liverpool City Council	20,016	20,832	20,576	20,210	20,780	24,326	18,976	23,404	20,003	39.3
Manchester City Council	22,251	28,508	17,497	19,056	18,270	14,891	13,999	13,658	13,778	23.4
Newham Council	30,900	19,917	15,206	14,656	11,145	20,765	25,879	17,497	19,629	52.4
Leicestershire District Councils										
Blaby District Council	534	531	588	689	676	1,289	802	627	722	6.7
Charnwood Borough Council	522	603	673	852	924	1,198	878	869	1130	6.0
Harborough District Council	475	653	608	728	484	469	322	317	400	3.8
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	513	754	731	844	791	1,296	870	751	820	7.0
Melton Borough Council	298	387	410	382	343	399	369	299	325	6.0
North West Leics District Council	746	884	731	716	695	1,475	704	587	539	4.8
Oadby and Wigston Borough Council	11	17	8	17	4	9	14	19	12	0.2
Rutland County Council	266	461	329	340	219	284	166	174	121	2.9

Investigations and Fines



Case progression



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Process

- Flytips can be reported via a number of methods - Love Clean Streets, general enquiries to LCC or picked up by teams patrolling – e.g. Cleansing, Warden Patrols etc
- 49 • Fly tips will be passed over for investigation – these will be taped off.
- If no evidence found, then Cleansing will remove for reasons of public safety.
- Around half of fly tips cannot be identified despite best efforts due to lack of evidence.

Ward Action Plans

- Ward Action Plans are being used for targeting nuisance areas or individual wards.
- They typically contain a number of initiatives and actions, split between different service areas.

Belgrave Ward – Litter and Flytipping Action Plan – February 2023

Key Focus Areas	Key Outputs	Lead Section
Direction of resources to tackle “grot spots”	Investigate possible weekend rubbish collection in lieu of weekday collections	Cleansing Services
Continuation of Investigations of fly tips by City Wardens	Reduction in fly tipping around e.g. litter bins	City Wardens / Enviro Crime.
Community use of engagement work through LEV and KBT initiatives	Litter picking event 12 th March 2023 Ongoing social media work Ongoing community engagement	Cleansing Services Community Development (Parks) Waste Management
Works with partners to highlight and tackle street drinking through PSPO powers	Reduction in street drinking and therefore littering	Community Safety Team / Police

Community Action | raising awareness



Education – student fairs, and how to recycle their waste properly



Working with schools to do community litter picking events

Community Action | raising awareness

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Bins on Streets campaigns



Targeted area specific intervention with partners – in this case, St Matthews

Enforcement Action

- The Council has powers to take enforcement action where evidence for flytipping has been found.
- Interviews under caution (known as PACE interviews) will be arranged for investigations. (PACE stands for Police & Criminal Evidence) Council officers have powers to conduct these – City Wardens / Enviro-Crime
- Fines and clean-up costs will be charged back to the perpetrator when guilt is admitted.
- Where required cases will be taken to the Magistrate court for prosecution.
- Community Protection Notices can be issued where appropriate also.
- **Fines can vary**
 - £1000 max (discounted for early payment)
 - £300 for littering (discounted for early payment)
 - £150 littering from vehicles

Enforcement Action

Please ask for: Dawn England
Website: www.leicester.gov.uk/your-environment/love-clean-streets
Email: city.warden@leicester.gov.uk
Date: 9th December 2024



**PROTECTION ACT 1990 – SECTIONS 33 & 34
HOUSEHOLDERS DUTY OF CARE
FLY-TIPPING (ILLEGALLY DUMPED RUBBISH) ON
Hawkes Hill**

Dear Owner/Occupier,

There has recently been a significant increase in the amount of household waste/rubbish being dumped in our area, Hawkes Hill. This matter is currently under investigation. Where evidence can be gathered, enforcement action will be taken against those persons responsible.

Leicester City Council is constantly striving to keep the area in which you live as clean and as safe as possible. In order to help your community and keep your Environment clean, please dispose of your rubbish in a responsible manner. Leaving waste out or flytipping could result in unlimited fines and cleansing or removal costs.

Please be aware that the illegal deposit of waste is an offence under section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and residents have a duty of care under section 34 of that Act to dispose of their domestic waste in the proper manner.

- Do not put scrap metal out on the street as this is no longer picked up unless pre-booked for collection
- Do not put household items out on the street unless on the day for a pre-booked bulky collection
- All waste must be in the bin or bags provided only.

We do rely on people giving us any information they can with regards to times and descriptions are very helpful. If you do happen to have any information that you feel may be relevant or you have any CCTV, Dashcam or ring doorbell footage that may assist us with our investigations please contact us on the above details or email us directly at city.warden@leicester.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Dawn England City Warden
For Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Saffron wards

Assisted
Collections



SCAN ME

Order Orange
Bags



SCAN ME

Book a Bulky
Collection



SCAN ME



Warning letters

Investigations

Prosecutions

Bring Banks

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Bring Banks have presented major challenges - people use them for general dumping of rubbish.

Mobile CCTV cameras have been used to identify perpetrators with fines issued.



Case Example



Case example



BEFORE



AFTER

Case Example



Planned next steps

- Actions plans to be reviewed for the 'top 5' wards in the city in conjunction with ward councillors.
- A review of the strategy and its objectives factoring in new waste legislation in planned for 2026
- Fly tipping data is being mapped into PowerBI to provide the ability to produce citywide 'heatmaps' and cross-compare these to other programmes including ASB prevention and licensing

Thank you for listening

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Questions

Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission
Work Programme 2025 – 2026

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendations / Actions	Progress
19 June 2025	Overview of Culture and Neighbourhoods	Site visit to Biffa to be arranged	To be arranged later in the year.
		To avoid a backlog of casework arising, officers to respond to members queries within 5 days.	Ongoing.
	Business case for the KRIII café.	Report to come back to the Commission in 12 Months following the opening of the new café to see if expectations have been met in terms of customer numbers and cost/benefit.	Added to workplan TBA
	Public Space protection Orders	Report to come back to the Commission on the plan going forward.	Added to workplan TBA
	Waste Engagement Findings	Informal session to be convened around early August for Commission to discuss options with the Commission so they can inform the way forward.	Arranged for 7 th August.
11 September 2025	Heritage Places Funding, National Lottery Heritage Fund – Verbal Update		
	Re-drafted Community Asset Transfer Policy		

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendations / Actions	Progress
3 November 2025	Fly Tipping Ward Funding Annual Report	To include ward-by-ward correlations	
22 January 2026	Burial Strategy (6-monthly update) Festivals and Events Review update Sports Strategy Place-based working – Including Active Leicester and Women in Sport – Annual Update – to include Sports Engagement Findings	To include information on the search for places, the work plan for Gilroes Cemetery and the findings of the Law Commission. Also to include Cremation facilities. Following discussion at the meeting of 5 December 2023, it was requested that the report come back to the commission around 6-months later when it was fuller and the findings of the seminar were known. It was later decided to combine this with the report on Women in Sport, To include indicators of success, information on bodies that can help promote Women's engagement in sport, other groups with protected characteristics such as disability sport and data broken down into, for example, age and ethnicity, as suggested at the meeting on 24 October 2023, with a possibility of a Board looking at this.	

Meeting Date	Item	Recommendations / Actions	Progress
5 March 2026	Museum Update Museum Engagement Schemes – Outcome on findings and conclusions.	To include visitor figures over the school holiday period. To include considerations for an open weekend.	
16 April 2026	NLHF Museum and Art Gallery Project		

Forward Plan Items (suggested)

Topic	Detail	Proposed Date
De Montfort Hall/ Haymarket		
Selective Licensing		
Trees and Woodlands – Involvement with Schools and Education and Grassland Strategy	To include seed and produce exchange and to include areas for recreation and sports.	
PSPO – Plan going forward.		

Engagement of Community Organisations	Report on how community organisations could be engaged to help the Council run services as requested at the meeting of 29 January. – To go to first meeting of new municipal year.	
Growing spaces strategy		
Heritage Places Funding - National Lottery Heritage Fund – Update on next stage.	To include findings of Audience Agency. If Stage 1 is successful.	
KRIII Visitor Centre – Performance since new Café.	Analysing the cost/benefit of moving the Café. To include changes in visitor numbers since café moved and comparisons between old and new café. To come in February 2027..	
Update on HASBO and CRASBU	To be brought back in 12 months from 2024 report.	
Heritage panels, inviting members suggestions for new panels		
CCTV Overview	Moved from November	