



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE CULTURE AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY COMMISSION

DATE: THURSDAY, 22 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 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.

For Monitoring Officer

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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 meetings of the Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission held on the 3rd and 27th November 2025 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. 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. BEREAVEMENT SERVICES UPDATE (6-MONTHLY UPDATE) [**Appendix D**](#)

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a report providing an update on matters related to the council's Bereavement Services.

10. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER TASK GROUP - SCOPING DOCUMENT [**Appendix E**](#)

The Chair submits a report providing members of the Committee with a proposed scope for the task group on Community Asset Transfer, and the opportunity to comment on the scope for the review, suggest issues to include and consider joining the group.

11. LEISURE CENTRE NEEDS ASSESSMENT [**Appendix F**](#)

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a report which sets out the primary and secondary research that will inform the next five-year plan and outlines how Active Leicester will continue to respond effectively to both commercial pressures and wider social challenges.

12. DE MONTFORT HALL & HAYMARKET THEATRE [**Appendix G**](#)

The Director of Tourism Culture and Economy submits a report updating on the operational and financial progress at De Montfort Hall and the Haymarket Theatre, which are being managed as an integrated service.

13. WORK PROGRAMME [**Appendix H**](#)

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

14. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS