

Spinney Hills Community Meeting

**Coleman Primary School
Gwendolen Road, Leicester,
LE5 5FS**

**On Monday, 17 September 2012
Starting at 6:00 pm**

The meeting will be in two parts

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-

- Spinney Hills Park
- Home Energy Access Service
- Multi Access Centres
- Benefits Advice and Services
- General Council Issues

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Get involved in your area and planning for the future. There will be presentations and discussions on:

- Multi Access Centres (MACs)
- Benefits Advice and Services
- Policing Update
- Community Safety Update
- City Warden Service Update
- Ward Community Budget

YOUR community. YOUR voice.

Your Ward Councillors are:

**Councillor Hanif Aqbany
Councillor Dr Shofiqul Chowdhury
Councillor Mohammed Dawood**



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INFORMATION FAIR

**PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES
YOU CAN TALK TO AT THIS MEETING**

You can raise matters of concern, give opinions and find out information
which may be of use

Ward Councillors and General Information Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries.	Police Issues Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.
Spinney Hills Park Information on the improvement works to the Park	Home Energy Advice Service Information and advice concerning Home Energy
Multi Access Centres Information on the Multi Access Centres (MACs) provided by Highfields Multi Access Centre	City Warden Service An update on the work being carried out by the City Warden

The first part of the agenda covers formal items which the Councillors need to deal with to ensure that regulations on holding meetings are kept to.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The first main item on the agenda is Declarations of Interest where Councillors have to say if there is anything on the agenda they have a personal interest in. For example if a meeting was due to discuss a budget application put forward by a community group and one of the Councillors was a member of that group, they would not be able to take part in the decision on that budget application.

Councillors are asked to declare any interest they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Spinney Hills Community Meeting, held on 18 June 2012, are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

This next part of the agenda covers items where input from you on issues that affect your community is welcomed.

5. MULTI ACCESS CENTRES IN SPINNEY HILLS WARD

Aiyub Zamakda, Team Manager, Highfields Multi Access Centre, will be in attendance to give a presentation on the work of the Multi-Access Centre.

6. BENEFITS AND ADVICE SERVICE

Officers from the Benefits and Advice Service will be in attendance to give a presentation detailing changes to the Benefits System.

7. POLICE ACTIVITY - UPDATE

The Police will be in attendance to provide an overview of activities within the Ward.

8. COMMUNITY SAFETY - UPDATE

Nazira Vania, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator will be in attendance to provide an update on Community Safety issues within the Ward.

9. CITY WARDENS - UPDATE

Darren Evans, City Warden, will be in attendance to provide an update on activities within the Ward.

10. WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET

Councillors are reminded that they will need to declare any interest they may have in budget applications, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

Anita Patel, Members Support Officer, will present the latest position with regard to the Spinney Hills Ward Community Budget.

The following applications have been received for consideration:

Application 1

Applicant: Samia Ahmed Elmi

Amount: £500

Proposal: Education research project for Somali youths in Leicester and surrounding area.

Summary: To research the reasons why newly arrived groups of Somali youths do not attend higher and further education courses and so are not proportionately represented in colleges and universities.

In addition to research why a disproportionately high number of Somali youths fail to complete their courses and drop out of college and university.

To undertake an analytical survey to accurately research the scope of the problem to identify the challenges that Somali youths

face.

Application 2

Applicant: Somali Advice and Information Service

Amount: £662.50

Proposal: Somali Week for Book Fair and Festival

Summary: A three day event from 16 – 18 November 2012 at Taylor Primary School. A book fair of around 350 books on different topics discussing Somali culture, history and social life. An opportunity for the wider community to know more about Somalia.

Application 3

Applicant: Positive Vibrations UK

Amount: £500

Proposal: New Women Event

Summary: A free event to be held on 29 November 2012 at the African Caribbean Centre for women of all backgrounds, cultures and ages that are at a point where they would like to make a change in their lives.

Careers advice to be given, together with lifestyle advice involving health and well-being, increasing self confidence, exercise and hobbies.

Application 4

Applicant: North Neighbourhood Sure Start Children's Centres

Amount: £2,888

Proposal: Personal Development Courses for residents.

Summary: Personal Development Courses for local community residents to enable them to access and undertake volunteer work as a stepping stone back into employment aiding addressing community cohesion.

The following application has been approved under the Fast-Track procedure and is reported for information:

Applicant: African Caribbean Centre

Amount: £500

Proposal: Senior and Elders Day Celebrations

Summary: The Seniors and Elders day held on 6 September 2012 as part of the Elders day Celebrations

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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For further information contact

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