



Leicester  
City Council

**MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND COMMUNITY  
INVOLVEMENT SCRUTINY COMMISSION**

**DATE: MONDAY, 9 MARCH 2015**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

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

**Members of the Committee**

Councillor Singh (Chair)

Councillor Bhatti (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Dr Chowdhury, Corrall, Desai, Gugnani and Waddington

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

*Elaine Baker*

For Monitoring Officer

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# **PUBLIC SESSION**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. 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 Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement Scrutiny Commission held on 26 January 2015 are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

### **4. PETITIONS**

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any petitions received

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

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any questions, representations or statements of case received

### **6. NEW LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL WEBSITE**

To receive a presentation on the new Leicester City Council website – [www.leicester.gov.uk](http://www.leicester.gov.uk) – which is scheduled to go live on 16 March 2015.

### **7. WORKING WITH THE CITY'S VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR TO SUPPORT ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITIES - UPDATE**

**Appendix B**

To receive an update report from the Director of Delivery, Communications and Political Governance on working with the city's Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to support engagement with communities. The Commission is recommended to note the update and are invited to feed in their views to the further consultation activity.

### **8. GARDEN WASTE SERVICE - UPDATE REPORT**

**Appendix C**

To receive a report from the Director of Local Services and Enforcement providing an update on the first year of the garden waste collection service and an outline of planned activities and expectations for year two of the service in 2015. The Commission is recommended to note the progress on the launch

and operation of the garden waste service in 2014 and the planned developments for 2015.

**9. LIBRARIES SUMMER READING SCHEME IMPACT REPORT** **Appendix D**

To receive a report from the Director of Culture and Neighbourhood Services examining the impact of the library service's annual summer reading scheme and outlining the programme for 2015. The Commission is recommended to:-

- a) Note the success of the partnership approach, particularly with Libraries and Whatever It Takes (WiT) in the promotion of the enjoyment of reading amongst Leicester's children and young people;
- b) Note the success of the scheme at a regional level through the annual summer reading scheme; and
- c) Support the experimental approach being taken in 2015, aimed at encouraging more boys and vulnerable readers to join in.

**10. WORK PROGRAMME** **Appendix E**

The current work programme for the Commission is attached. The Commission is asked to consider this and make comments and/or amendments as it considers necessary.

**11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**