



Leicester  
City Council

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

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

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

**Members of the Commission**

Councillor Malik (Chair)

Councillor Gugnani (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Bajaj, Cank, Cutkelvin, Fonseca and Khote  
(1 unallocated non-grouped place)

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

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For Monitoring Officer

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## **AGENDA**

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#### **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 12 July 2017 are attached. Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

#### **4. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS AGREED AT THE LAST MEETING**

To note progress on actions agreed at the previous meeting and not reported elsewhere on the agenda (if any).

#### **5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **6. PETITIONS**

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any petitions submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

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

The following representation has been received from Mr A Ross and is

submitted to the Commission:

"Over 34,000 people in the City and County rely on Employment Support Allowance as their source of income. They are by definition ill or disabled in some way, including members of Unite's Community Branch.. The City Council proposes to cut the Welfare Advice budget by £500,000 and reduce access to the service to just 8 council offices in Leicester.

What are the commission's views on this proposal? Unite Community believes that at a time of increasing need for welfare advice in Leicester the current budget should be maintained, making use of the additional £7 million for adult social care the council has received since setting this year's budget. Access to welfare advice should not be restricted. Instead it should be extended to include health centres and food banks, where those in most need of benefit support already go."

The Monitoring Officer will report at the meeting on any further questions, representations and statements of case submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

**8. SOCIAL WELFARE ADVICE RE-PROCUREMENT** [Appendix B](#)

The Director of Finance submits a report giving an update on the re-procurement of Council funded Social Welfare Advice contracts and providing details of the current public consultation on the proposed model of advice provision in the city. The Commission is recommended to note the update on the social welfare advice re-procurement exercise.

**9. TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES - EAST AND CENTRAL AREA** [Appendix C](#)

The Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services submits a report giving an overview of progress to date of the Transforming Neighbourhood Services (TNS) Programme, summarising the results of engagement work and consultation carried out in the North East area of the city and setting out proposals that are intended to be implemented by the TNS programme in relation to the North East area.

The Commission is recommended to note the progress made to date, feedback and lessons learned regarding the engagement activity in the East and Central area and is invited to comment on the proposals made in relation to the East and Central area.

**10. NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SPENDING REVIEW PROGRAMME - UPDATE**

To receive an update on spending reviews affecting services within this

Commission's portfolio and not considered elsewhere on the agenda. Members are recommended to receive the update and comment as appropriate.

**11. WORK PROGRAMME**

**Appendix D**

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.

**12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**