



Leicester  
City Council

**MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY  
COMMISSION**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

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

**Members of the Committee**

Councillor Khote (Chair)

Councillor Thalukdar (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Ali, Aqbany, Govind, Joshi and Solanki  
(1 unallocated non-grouped place)

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 Scrutiny Commission held on 3 July 2019 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 submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

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

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any questions, representations and statements of case submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

#### **6. LIBRARY SERVICES - READING PROGRAMMES**

The Head of Neighbourhood Services will deliver a presentation of an overview of the Library Services Provision.

The presentation will include an outline of the key interventions aimed at promoting a love of reading to improve outcomes for residents of all ages and from all communities across Leicester. Programmes covered include:

- Book Start – books and reading activities for babies, toddlers and young

children

- Our Best Book – in partnership with Leicester Primary Schools
- Summer Reading Challenge – aimed at children aged 0-12yrs to boost the reading habit over the summer period
- Everybody's Reading Festival – Support Leicester's reading festival in our neighbourhoods
- Adult reading groups and author events – promoting a lifelong love of reading

The presentation will also highlight the importance of partnership working to add value to regular reading programmes and to deliver targeted cultural projects in neighbourhood settings.

The Commission is recommended to receive the presentation and pass comments to the Head of Neighbourhood Services for consideration.

Members of the Children, Young People and Schools Scrutiny Commission have received an invitation to attend and participate in the consideration of this item.

**7. UNIVERSAL CREDIT IMPACTS - ONE YEAR ON** [Appendix B](#)

The Director of Finance will submit a report updating the Commission on Universal Credit and its impact, one year on.

The Commission is recommended to receive the report and pass comments to the Director of Finance for consideration.

**8. DRAFT SCOPE PROPOSAL FOR NEW REVIEW** [Appendix C](#)  
**TOPIC: "THE VIABILITY OF A COMMUNITY LOTTERY FOR LEICESTER"**

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Commission will submit a draft scope proposal for a new review topic.

The Commission is recommended to receive the draft scope and pass comments to the Chair for consideration.

**9. 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.

**10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**