#### **FOSSE COMMUNITY MEETING**

#### **THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2019**

Held at: Fosse Library, Mantle Road, Leicester, LE3 5HG

#### **ACTION LOG**

Present: Councillor Cassidy Councillor Waddington

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING				
10.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES FOR	Councillor Cassidy as Chair led the introductions and welcomed everyone to the meeting.				
	ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Neighbourhood Relationship Officer Vicki Chapman who was due to give an update on Waterside Schools. A written update had been submitted.				
		No declarations were made.				
11.	ACTION LOG	A correction was made to Page 2 of the Action Log: It should have read 'Councillors would meet with the City Mayor', rather than with Ombudsmen.  Otherwise the Action Log of the previous meeting held 11 July 2019 was confirmed as a correct record.  Councillors were still waiting for a local meeting about the local plan. Other actions would be addressed in the agenda.				
12.	WARD	Councillor Waddington reported on the following:				
	COUNCILLORS' FEEDBACK	<ul> <li>Thanks were given to the Adventure Playground for their Halloween event and comments were made about its popularity.</li> <li>A lot of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and drug dealing issues and had been reported in the Ward. It was hoped that a new camera at the end of Tudor Road would deter this.</li> <li>A yellow box had been painted by a bus stop on Stephenson Drive in order to prevent cars parking there and impeding access to busses. Other such boxes could be painted in the ward if deemed necessary.</li> <li>There would be a consultation between 22 November and 16 December 2019 for a</li> </ul>				

20mph zone on Wentworth Road and between 15 November and 9 December 2019 for traffic calming measures on Brading Road and Medina Road.

Councillor Cassidy reported on the following:

- Rev Liz Wilson was the new vicar for St Paul's and St Augustine's Church. Councillor Cassidy suggested holding a future Ward Meeting at the church.
- Fortnightly Councillor surgeries were being held at Fosse Library and Woodgate Resource Centre.

### 13. WATERSIDE PRIMARY UPDATE

Councillor Cassidy gave an update on schools in Waterside. Points included:

- A public meeting on the issue was being planned, new and unresolved issues had previously prevented this.
- Due to excessive costs, the original plan for a local authority school had been shelved.
- Mead Academy Trust had offered to set up a school on the site that would be paid for by the government.
- Councillors had been informed by Mead Academy Trust that the school would have 52 Nursery places, 450 Primary places and 900 Secondary, it would open in 2023 and the places would be filled gradually over 10 years, initially taking in one form of Primary and one form of Secondary.
- Fosse Primary School would remain open and be invested in and improved, but not developed. Slater school would close in 2022.
- Mead Academy Trust had met with the Woodgate Residents Association and discussed traffic issues with them.
- Mead Academy were also developing a school on the former Kirby and West site which would serve the city centre as well as Fosse Ward.

Concern was raised over the increase in traffic that the schools may bring. Councillor Cassidy expressed hope that the gradual nature of filling the school would mitigate this and clarified that the plan was not yet final and there was still a chance to influence the way it was implemented.

## 14. WATERSIDE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Senior Project Manager David Beale gave an update on the Waterside Development. Points included:

- Construction was taking place between Fosse Ward and the city centre.
- There were four buildings in the in the Great Central Square complex. Two hotels were nearing completion and due to formally open from January 2020. An office building had received strong interest from prospective occupiers and projected to create 250-300 jobs. The former Great Central station building would become a bowling alley with food and beverage outlets. The buildings would be linked by a new public square and the pedestrianisation of part of Great Central Street.
- A high-quality walking and cycle route would lead to the complex from Woodgate.
- The land around Northgate Street owned by Leicester City Council was being developed with Keepmoat Homes for housing and offices.
- Wilkin Jones were developing student accommodation in Bath Lane.
- Wullcomb had completed an apartment block adjacent to John Lewis' Multi-Storey Car Park and 200 of 300 apartments had been let.
- The Regeneration process had begun in 2015 and there was now £250,000,000 of private investment in the city.

In response to a query about the development of railway arches in the ward, David Beale responded that they were owned by Charles Street Buildings who were now discussing a further commercial scheme on top of the viaduct structure and the developer may consider as part of the scheme whether the use of the arches could be improved at the same time.

A resident reported racist graffiti in the area surrounding the railway arches. **Action:** City Warden to investigate.

Responding to a query about the Repton Street site, David Beale reported that explained that the land was in private ownership with three separate interests and confirmed that the development was still dependent on the land being elevated and that there were interdependencies with the Environment Agency's (EA) work to reduce flood risk. He further explained that the EA strategy was still under development and once fixed the Council would re-engage with the landowners.

Regarding a query about the Richard Roberts site and surrounding area, David Beale reported that a planning application was lodged for an 8-storey apartment building, but this had since been withdrawn as they were advised that it was too high.

The All Saints' Place site had planning consent for 70 apartments approximately 5 storeys high.

Leicester City Council (LCC) owned two parcels of land with frontage to All Saints Open - The contractor compound which had accommodated the Winvic cabins, and 65 Great Central Street. Development options for this land were being considered. The land between LCC's ownership and the Great Central Square scheme was in the ownership of a developer working up a large residential proposal.

In response to a question on the Concrete Works site. David Beale explained that LCC owned the island and were working with Breedon Aggregates to bring the use to an end within approximately 12 months.

A resident raised concern that no medical centres were planned in the residential developments. David Beale explained that it is difficult for the Clinical Commissioning Group to provide new facilities far in advance, but they would seek to respond to new demand as a new population became established. **Action:** Representative from the CCG to be invited to the next Ward meeting.

### 15. BUS LANE AND FIVE WAYS ISSUES

Highways Network Asset Manager Rupert Bedder gave an update on issues surrounding Bus Lanes and the Five-Ways Junction. Points included:

- There was a portable air quality monitoring system on Blackbird Road that was being considered for relocation to the Five-Ways Junction.
- Parking issues around Tudor Road and Woodgate were on the programme to be taken to a meeting with the City Mayor before Christmas.
- Of the 22 trees removed on the Blackbird Road

Junction, 11 had been replanted as part of the scheme with three scheduled to be planted in the next month. 30 trees were to be planted in other locations under the '2 to 1' tree replacement scheme.

- Thanks were given from the Highways team leader for the patience of residents during the developments around Ravensbridge, Anstey Lane and Blackbird Road.
- The report on the Groby Road bus lane would be reviewed before proposals were made, but the project would go ahead.
- Whilst the Five Ways Junction project was not on hold, there was no further progress due to coordination and funding issues. The design was still in progress.
- Railings had been installed around the grass area on Clifford Street to prevent parking on the grass.
- Bollards had been installed on Hinckley Road to prevent pavement parking.

Concerns were raised about the lack of progress on the Five Ways project and the potential traffic problems that it, along with other developments, could cause. Councillor Cassidy suggested that had the Five Ways project been completed before other plans then some controversy and complication may have been averted. **Action:** Rupert Bedder to feed back to Highways team.

Councillor Waddington reported that she and Councillor Cassidy had attended the consultation on the Groby Road bus lane and heard objections, but they had not seen the outcome of the consultation. She had asked for the whole plan to go to the Economic Development, Transport and Tourism Scrutiny Commission.

A resident raised the concern that the bus lane opposite the school would narrow the road and worsen congestion. **Action:** Rupert Bedder to feed back to Highways team.

A resident drew attention to the confusion caused by the 'green man' on crossings where they were on the side as opposed to ahead, some were pointing the wrong way, which could be confusing and dangerous to those with dyslexia and/or colour-blindness, especially as there was no audible sound. **Action:** 

DLICE ISSUES PDATE	Rupert Bedder to feed back to team.  Sergeant Ed Jones, who was currently covering Fosse Ward, gave an update on Police Issues in the Ward. Points included:  • Fosse Ward now had a new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO).  • Police were returning to a more local approach.  • The police were looking to recruit more officers, but it would take time to train them.  • Police were working with landlords to evict troublesome tenants.  • Police were working with landlords and LCC to tackle ASB on Stephenson Drive.  • PCSOs were enforcing double-yellow lines on Tudor Road.  • More patrols were being carried out in the area.  • The rise in burglaries that usually occurred at			
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	this time of year had not been seen.			
	Concern was raised over a man prosecuted on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving who had absconded whilst awaiting trial. Sgt Jones reported that the police were aware of this and the man in question had surrendered to custody that day.			
	Councillor Cassidy raised concerns about a premises on Hinckley Road including suspicions about its use and the risk of exploitation and trafficking. It was also felt that its proximity to the site of the Hinckley Road explosion was insensitive. <b>Action:</b> Sgt Jones to investigate concerns raised.			
	Councillor Cassidy wished it to be noted that the meeting congratulated the Neighbourhood Police Team for Fosse Ward who had won the award for Neighbourhood Police Team of the Year.			
TY WARDEN	City Warden Charlotte Glover gave an update on issues in the ward. In addition to the handout circulated (attached), points included:			
	<ul> <li>Rubbish had been removed from gardens on Woodgate.</li> <li>Fly posters on St Augustine and Fosse Road had been taken down.</li> <li>23 businesses had been visited in relation to their waste duty of care. Four had been given</li> </ul>			
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18.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	a fixed penalty notice.  The bins on streets scheme was ongoing and had been enforced on Tudor Road, Tewksbury Street and Carlisle Street.  Litter thrown from vehicles was now the responsibility of the vehicle owner.  A fly tip on Beatrice Road had been cleared after the City Warden had spoken to those responsible, who were unaware of the rules.  Rubbish was reported in a car park on Bonchurch Street. Action: City Warden to report to City Cleansing.  Fly tipping was reported by the car-wash on Balfour Street, as well as beer cans thrown into piles of leaves. Action: City Warden and City Cleansing to investigate.  Old furniture was reported to have been dumped on forecourts on Fosse Road opposite the Glenfield Hotel. Action: City Warden to report back.  Since the last ward meeting a total number of eight applications have been supported totalling £3930 A balance of £8832 remained in the budget to be spent by the beginning of March 2020.  Applications supported included:  New writing for performance  Book club- Based at Westcotes Library (residents of Fosse Ward attended)  Club Rockhaq- A music journalism creative writing project based at the BRITE Centre (residents of Fosse Ward attended)  Trip to DeMontfort hall  Halloween event  Brightening up Woodgate  Christmas music concert  Mama skate workshops
		Community Engagement Officer Anita Clarke invited any new groups, however small, to apply for funding.  Councillor Cassidy clarified that when requests for funding came from outside Fosse Ward, evidence that Fosse Ward would benefit was necessary.
19.	ANY OTHER	It was reported that the Community Advice Centre at Epic House on Charles Street was offering free initial

BUSINESS	legal advice, which included immigration advice concerning Brexit (attached). <b>Action:</b> Community Engagement Officer to give three copies of information to Woodgate Resource Centre for display.  The Women Talking City Listening leaflet (attached) was distributed.
	There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.33pm



## ADVICE FOR RESIDENTS

## **Advice for businesses**

Householders are legally responsible for all household waste produced on their property. Most household waste can be disposed of in your bags or wheeled bin.

If you nee to dispose of large items such as sofas, fridges there are several ways to do this legally.

- Take large items to your council run tip . Find out about opening times on line.
- Consider hiring a skip .They can be value for money and you don't need a permit if its on your own property.
- Leicester city council can dispose of your large waste items as part of the bulky waste collection service.
- You can subscribe to a garden waste collection for an annual fee.

Find out more at www.lesswaste.org.uk

Under the Environmental Protection Act, every business has a duty of care when it comes to dispose of it's waste. If you are not meeting your legal responsibilities it could result in a fine or imprisonment.

#### Here are a few tips

- It is a legal requirement for businesses to use a licensed waste carrier to remove their waste –check they are registered.
- If you run a business from home you will still need to dispose of your waste correctly - you should not use you home waste collection.
- Provide a written description of your waste to the company collection your waste
- Keep signed copies of transfer notes for 2 years .
- Take action if you think your waste is being mishandled by those who remove it you could be fined if your waste is fly tipped.

Find out more by visiting www.rightwasterightplace.com

#### **UP DATES**





Before and after photos of waste removed from a property on Bramley road after owners were sent community protection warning.



Fly tipping on Beatrice road
The people responsible was
interviewed and they
explained the situation and we
were able to sort a bin out
and arrange for them to have
orange bags .i have had no
reports of any waste being left
since.

### **CITY WARDEN SERVICES**







Rubbish removed from back garden on Woodgate.

6 fly posters removed and fixed penalty notices issued

In September 23 Businesses were visited in relation to their waste duty of care

I am continuing with the Bins on the streets trying to remove as many bins As possible off the street and only out on collection day

### **CITY WARDEN SERVICES**



Email: city.warden@leicester.gov.uk

Website: www.leicester.gov/myaccount



Facebook: Leicester city wardens



Twitter: City wardens These are the main issues that the City Wardens can help with:

Educating the public and raising awareness of environmental crimes

Enforcement work on the following issues:

- Littering
- Dog fouling, dogs on leads, dogs exclusion from land
  - Bins on the street (domestic and commercial)
- Free distribution of printed material
  - Fly posting
  - Small scale fly tipping
    - Graffiti
  - Vehicles for sale on the road
  - Repairing vehicles on the road
  - Failure to produce waste transfer documents
    - Skips and scaffolding
    - Rubbish on private land



FOSSE WARD



## Immigration Advice

### Louise Koch

(previously of Castle Park Solicitors)

Free initial advice at our drop in sessions:

Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon and 2pm - 4pm Wednesdays 1pm - 2pm Thursdays 2pm - 4pm

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## **BREXIT**

# ARE YOU AN EEA NATIONAL OR THE FAMILY MEMBER OF AN EEA NATIONAL?

Following the decision by the UK to leave the European Union (Brexit), the Government has announced that arrangements will be put in place for EEA nationals and their family members to secure their rights to live and work in the UK after the UK leaves the European Union (EU). The date set for the UK to leave the EU is 31 October 2019\*

\*This is the information available as at 1 May 2019

#### THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

All EU<sup>[1]</sup>, EEA and Swiss nationals and their family members must make an application to the EU Settlement Scheme before the deadline of 30 June 2021 in order to protect their rights to continue living and working in the UK after the UK leaves the EU. Failure to apply by that deadline means that you will lose the right to live and work in the UK.

If there is a "no deal" Brexit, then you must be living in the UK before the UK leaves the EU. In that case, the deadline for applying to the EU Settlement Scheme will be 31 December 2020.

The EEA includes the EU countries and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

#### **WHEN CAN I APPLY?**

The application system has been open since 30 March 2019.

#### **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

There is no fee payable to the Home Office.

#### **NATURALISATION**

If you obtain settled status, you may apply for naturalisation as a British citizen once you have held settled status for 12 months and can meet the other conditions for the award of citizenship.

#### **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Applications must be made online. If help is required, the Immigration Team at the Community Advice and Law Service would be happy to assist you with an application.

#### **WHAT EVIDENCE WILL I HAVE TO PROVIDE?**

Everyone will need to provide proof of identity (passport, ID card, Biometric Residence permit). The online form will automatically check HMRC and DWP records. You may be asked to provide additional proof of residence in the UK for all or part of the time that you have lived here. Documents can be scanned and uploaded digitally or sent by post. You will need to provide a recent photo and you may need to have your biometrics (photo and fingerprints) taken at a UK Visa and Citizenship Application Service Centre. You will only need to show that you have been living in the UK continuously - you will not need to show that you have been working, self-employed or self-sufficient during the time that you have been living in the UK. Absences from the UK of up to 6 months in any year are not counted.

#### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?**

There is no set timescale but most applications are decided within 14 days, provided that any supporting evidence requested has been submitted.

#### **WHAT STATUS WILL I RECEIVE?**

EU nationals and their family members will be awarded either:

Settled Status (Indefinite Leave to Remain) if you have lived in the UK continuously for a period of 5 years by 31.12.2020 (or by a date to be specified if the UK leaves the EU without a deal).

Pre-settled Status if you have lived in the UK for less than 5 years by 31.12.2020 (or by a date to be specified if the UK leaves the EU without a deal). You can apply for settled status as soon as you have lived in the UK continuously for 5 years.

#### **WHAT EVIDENCE WILL I GET OF MY STATUS?**

For EU nationals, evidence of your settled or pre-settled status will take the form of a digital code. Non-EU nationals (family members of EU nationals) will receive a Biometric Residence Permit.

#### NON-EU FAMILY MEMBERS OF EU NATIONALS

A family member of an EU national may also apply for settled or pre-settled status under the EU Settlement Scheme. It is best if you apply at same time as your EU national sponsor, as proof that the EU national has been granted status under the EU Settlement Scheme can be used as evidence for your application.

#### **HOW ARE IRISH NATIONALS AFFECTED?**

Irish nationals are not required to apply under the EU Settlement Scheme but can do so if they wish. Non-EU family members of Irish nationals must apply and can obtain settled status even if their Irish sponsor doesn't apply.

#### **CHILDREN**

You can apply for settled or pre-settled status for your child if s/he is under 21 and either the child is an EEA national or you or your spouse/civil partner is an EEA national. You can link your child's application to yours, using the application number you got when you applied.

#### **WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A RESIDENCE CARD?**

EU nationals and their family members who already have documents showing the right of permanent residence or indefinite leave to remain will be able to exchange their existing document for settled or pre-settled status, subject to criminality and security checks. If you have Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR), you are not required to apply for settled status, but you may do so if you wish. If you have a Permanent Residence document (PR) as an EU national or EU family member, you must prove that your PR has not lapsed through an absence from the UK of more than 5 consecutive years.

#### **WELFARE BENEFITS ENTITLEMENT**

If you are awarded Settled Status (Indefinite Leave to Remain), this means that you will automatically pass the "Right to Reside" test which applies to certain welfare benefits claims. If you have been refused welfare benefits in the past because you do not have a right to reside, then acquiring Settled Status will mean that you should be able to make a successful new claim from the date settled status has been granted.

Why not contact our immigration team now to seek advice about how to protect your rights in the UK after Brexit and to get help with an application!

We also assist with all other immigration matters. Please contact us to arrange a free appointment.

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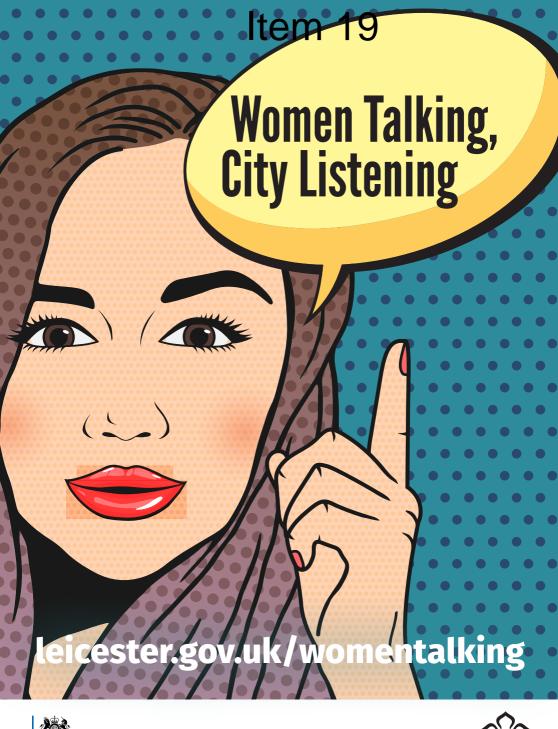
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The lives of women in this / country have changed so much since we got the vote just over 100 years ago.

Women can now get mortgages, hold senior jobs and sit as MPs in Westminster.

But women do not always find it easy to achieve their goals.

A new project in Leicester is going to talk to women aged 18 or above to find out what you need to help you. Tell us your hopes, your ambitions – and your difficulties. Funded by central government, the Women Talking project will collect information from women across the city in 2019 and 2020. We will then report back to the government to show what they can do to support women.

There will be lots of ways for you to let us have your thoughts: through workshops, forums, fun days, surveys and much more.

To find out more or get involved, go to our web page: leicester.gov.uk/womentalking email: womentalking@leicester.gov.uk or call: 0116 454 4178