

ACTION LOG

WARD: Western Ward Community Meeting:

DATE: 16th December 2025

TIME: 6pm

VENUE: New Parks Library



Present

Cllr George Cole
Cllr Viv Dempster
Leicestershire Police – Sergeant Simon Walters
Housing – Bertrum Lewis
Traffic and Highways – Robert Bateman
WCEO – Angela Martin

Apologies

Cllr Molly O'Neil
City Warden – Carledean Graham

Item	Action to note	Who
1.	Introductions & Apologies, Declarations	
	- The Chair, Cllr Dempster opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. - No declarations were noted.	
2.	Councillors Feedback	
	- The meeting noted an update from Councillors <u>Cllr Cole:</u> - Consultation Update - Highlighted Projects within the ward - Case work – Housing/ ASB / Housing Overcrowding Matters - Graffiti – Western Park side reported. <u>Cllr Dempster:</u> - Braunstone Firth Centre open as a community resource - Provided a brief outline on budget and how the money is allocated. Noted that it will be a difficult budget going forward.	
3.	Local Policing Update	
	- The meeting noted an update from Local Police: <u>Update on the three ward priorities highlighted</u> - ASB, Drugs, Drug Dealing - Violent Crime / Weapon - Dangerous Driving, E-bike and Motorcycles	

Further Updates on:	
▪ Crimestoppers updates given ▪ Warrants Braunstone Firth area re Drugs ▪ Operation Lightfast in conjunction with park Warden, Fire Station re open spaces, fires and ASB. ▪ Community Engagement two weekly, at Western Park. ▪ Two new, PCSO's joining the existing 3 in the ward.	

4.	Highways Update	
▪ The meeting noted an update from Highways: Actions ▪ <u>Aikman Avenue</u> – Speed Trap ○ Clear Signage needed ○ TRO 20 miles an hour ▪ Other TRO (Traffic Road Orders) requests for – Holmewood Drive / Sandhurst, Mossgate and Letchworth Roads. ▪ Update on Cycling Improvement Plan – Supported, next steps is the consultation, Robert Bateman leading. ▪ Possible increase in patrols form Traffic Wardens to increase pressure on drivers.		

5.	City Warden update	
▪ The meeting noted no update from the City Warden. ▪ City Warden requested to attend the next meeting – Cllr Dempster to pick up.		

6.	Housing update	
▪ The meeting noted an update from Housing – Team Leader Update provided, see Appendix A. AOB ▪ Brief update on the housing geographic area covered ▪ 'Pop-Up' sessions for Tuesday mornings highlighted ▪ Burns flats, communal cleaning issues discussed ▪ New Burn's flats, community groups highlighted.		

7.	Ward Community Budget	
▪ The meeting noted a Ward Funding update ▪ Ward Funding April 2024 – March 2025 - £18,000. ▪ Number of applications supported to date: 12. ▪ Balance remaining: £ 8,725.		

8.	AOB	
▪ Cllr Dempster / Cllr Cole provided an overview of the work of the Adventure Playground. ▪ Commended Jo for the outstanding work in transforming the Playground and making it sustainable. ▪ Cllr Cole appreciated Jo Randell and Gary O'Donnell for their work and contribution in New Parks.		

The meeting closed at: 8pm.

Appendix A

Housing Update for Western Ward Meeting 16th December 2025

Staffing – No vacancies within the Team.

Environmental Budget 2025/26

There is £200k available again this year, it is shared across the 3 Housing Districts, so £66k each. This is then further shared between Wards in each District, so the West covers Western, Fosse, Westcotes, Abbey and Beaumont Leys.

The list of proposed projects was shared with all Councillors in the West District for comment/suggestion and final approval was given by the Lead for Housing, Councillor Cutkelvin.

Projects in the Western Ward – upgrade / installation of security doors to blocks at Dupont Gardens, this project was started a few years ago and initially was joint funded by the Safer Leicestershire Partnership, however each year further blocks have been put forward for funding but other priorities have had to be considered so we are glad that we can continue with this.

Funding is being used for quarterly deep cleans of the Burns flats.

There is also a painting project across the City, and several of the blocks in the Burns flats and on Braunstone Frith have been put forward, we will give updates when we receive notification of when and where this may happen.

Burns Flats Action Group

6 weekly meetings continued to be held with the Hub, Councillors, Police, Community Safety, Cleansing, Housing, Repairs and any relevant agencies tackle all issues being raised in the blocks. This is proving extremely invaluable in tackling cleaning issues, repairs issues with the heating, door entry system and lifts.

A cost exercise is being considered, and a further survey will be carried out around the usage of the drying rooms. Currently there are 3 closed due to ongoing vandalism and also the theft of a dryer. We are working with repairs to look at target hardening measures to prevent further vandalism to these rooms, residents who do not have access to their allotted laundry room are being given access to other available ones in other blocks.

Pop Up Sessions

These sessions are still taking place on Tuesdays 11am – 3pm at the New Parks Library. They appear to be becoming popular with enquiries ranging across many departments, it is intended that other sections such as Income Management will be added into the sessions.

Alvin Raj has recently been appointed as the Tenant Engagement and Policy Manager and part of his role will be to recruit 3 Tenancy Engagement Officers, one for each District. The team will start to look how effective these sessions are, whether other sections should provide an officer and how

the sessions can be developed. They will also work with community groups and Tenants Associations.

There are also sessions at the Tudor Centre on Tuesdays, Wednesday – Pork Pie Library and Brite Centre, Thursday - St Matthew Centre and Thurnby Lodge Community Centre. All sessions are 11am – 3pm.