



Meeting: **Cabinet**

Date/Time: **Tuesday, 14 December 2021 at 2.00 pm**

Location: **Sparkenhoe Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield**

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Membership

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC (Chairman)

Mr. B. L. Pain CC	Mrs H. L. Richardson CC
Mrs D. Taylor CC	Mrs. P. Posnett MBE CC
Mrs. C. M. Radford CC	Mr. R. J. Shepherd CC
Mr. O. O'Shea JP CC	Mr. P. Bedford CC
Mr. L. Breckon JP CC	

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ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 10)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2021 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Cabinet are asked to declare any interests in the business to be discussed.

4. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2022/23 TO 2025/26 - PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION (Pages 11 – 12 and supplementary report pages 3-60)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy, including the 2022/23 revenue budget and capital programme, be approved for consultation and referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and the Scrutiny Commission for consideration;
- (b) That the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member for Resources, be authorised to –
 - (i) agree a response to the draft Local Government Finance Settlement;
 - (ii) decide on the appropriate course of action for the Leicester and Leicestershire Business Rates Pool in 2022/23 and subject to agreement by all member authorities to implement this;

- (c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet on 11 February 2022;
- (d) That the allocation of £28m of one-off funding for additional highways maintenance, additional resilience for capital schemes, to reduce capital borrowing requirements and provide an initial investment fund for carbon reduction initiatives be approved;
- (e) That authority be granted to the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the Lead Member for Resources, to approve the use of any additional funding which may be made available by the NHS locally to ease the burden on the health and care system, noting that this is likely to be non-recurrent funding for use in the current financial year.

5. PROVISION OF IN-HOUSE COMMUNITY LIFE CHOICES SERVICES (DAY SERVICES) (Pages 13 - 34)

- *An online petition titled 'Save Roman Way Community Centre' containing 879 signatures has been submitted to the County Council. A copy of the comments some individuals have left when signing the petition is attached to the Order Paper, marked '5a'.*
- *Comments from Mr. B. Champion CC, are attached to this Order Paper, marked '5b'*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the services offered under the new Community Life Choices (CLC) Framework be noted;
- (b) That the outcome of the consultation on the proposed changes to the Council's in-house CLC services be noted;
- (c) That the changes to the Council's in-house CLC services be agreed as follows:
 - (i) The in-house short breaks services integrate a CLC offer as part of people's short breaks stay at the existing facilities in Melton Mowbray, Wigston and Hinckley;
 - (ii) That all in-house services providing long term maintenance CLC packages be closed and future provision of care and support for existing and new service users be provided via the CLC Framework;
- (d) That it be noted that the existing users of the Council's in-house CLC services will be fully supported in their transition to alternative services.

6. LEICESTERSHIRE DOMESTIC ABUSE REDUCTION STRATEGY 2022 - 2024
(Pages 35 - 58)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the consultation responses to date on the draft Leicestershire Domestic Abuse Reduction Strategy 2022 – 2024, be noted;
- (b) That the latest version of the draft Strategy, appended to the report, be approved, noting that further amendments may be necessary in order to address any further comments received before the consultation closes on 21 December 2021;
- (c) That the Director of Children and Family Services, following consultation with the Lead Member, be authorised to take the necessary steps to finalise and publish the Strategy ahead of the statutory deadline of the 5 January 2022;
- (d) That the proposed approach to establishing a Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board as set out in the report be approved.

7. SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN MAKING STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND (NOVEMBER 2021) (Pages 59 - 72)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Cabinet agrees to the County Council becoming a signatory to the South Leicestershire Local Plan Making Statement of Common Ground (November 2021);
- (b) That the approach by the district councils concerned in relation to the gathering of evidence and in seeking to align activity in the development of their Local Plans via the Statement of Common Ground be welcomed;
- (c) That the Chief Executive be authorised to agree the County Council's response to consultations on Statements of Common Ground and to the County Council becoming a signatory to Statement of Common Ground documents with Leicestershire district councils, Leicester City Council and other neighbouring authorities except where these are considered to be of strategic importance to or have significant policy implications for the Authority, in which case the matter will be referred to the Cabinet.

8. LEICESTERSHIRE MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - PUBLIC CONSULTATION. (PAGES 73 - 84)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the proposed approach to the consultation on the review of the Leicestershire Municipal Waste Management Strategy as set out in the report and the appendix, be approved;

- (b) That subject to a) above, the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised to finalise the necessary consultation documents;
- (c) That it be noted that a further report will be considered by the Cabinet in the summer of 2022 detailing the outcome of the consultation and seeking approval of a final Strategy.

9. NATIONAL HIGHWAYS ROUTE STRATEGIES DEVELOPMENT (Pages 85 - 108)

- *Comments from Mr. Max Hunt CC, Leader of the Labour Group, are attached to this Order Paper, marked '9'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the response set out in the Appendix to the report be forwarded to National Highways as the views of the County Council on the proposed Route Strategies development process concerning the Road Investment Strategy 3 (2025 – 2030);
- (b) That It be noted that the County Council will continue to work through Midlands Connect (the region's Sub-National Transport Body) to seek to inform decisions to be made by National Highways and the Department for Transport concerning future investment in the County's Strategic Road Network for the Road Investment Strategy Period 3 (2025 to 2030) and beyond.

10. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

None.

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT

None.

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Name	City	Postal Code	Comment
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	LE16	"The day centre is a lifeline for disabled people and their parents"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	LE2 4NA	"This is a community facility which is essential for residents."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	LE168EU	"This is an essential and irreplaceable facility for local disabled people and their families. Life can already be extremely hard for them and they deserve this service."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	le16 9lb	"Roman way Day centre is a Community resource that gives respite and support to profoundly disabled people and their families in a safe, non judgemental environment."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	LE2 4 UY	"Roman wag dsy centre provides vital support to frailor demented elderly snd their carers.Extra expensivd residentidl care would be rrewired wirhout the support provided at Roman way dsy centre."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	OL16	"This centre is pivotal to the well being and care of people who are not able to look after themselves it needs to stay open for their sake and their families"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Le174yu	"The service and care this centre provides is second to none , the staff care and the thought of closure will bring so much distress to everyone involved"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SE5	"It is disgraceful how disrespected the vulnerable people in this community are being treated, as if they are nothing more than a number rather than a person"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	E16 9DA	"We're a growing and ageing population and we NEED affordable, accessible public spaces for all."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Le16 8Ph	"This place is truly essential to those who use it and their families. It is vital we continue to have at least this level of care and support available in our town."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	E16 7XL	"We need this local community facility for our local vulnerable adults."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	E16 9QW	"A few years ago my son spent very happy times at this wonderful day centre. We need places like this in the community where our children live. They shouldn't be travelling to other towns and making friends with people they will never see after they leave. In my opinion they, like all children, need to be part of a community where they are known and appreciated for who they are."
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	L23 2ut	"It's again unfair that profits are put before the very basic of human needs - to feel safe and secure"
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	NG11 6NW	"This place is a lifeline to my parents in law. My brother in law loves it, and it gives them much needed respite. There is no adequate alternative."

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[REDACTED] TR11

[REDACTED] RH20

[REDACTED] TR4 9PB

[REDACTED] LE16 9RU

[REDACTED] Market Harb LE16

[REDACTED] LE17 6JE

S [REDACTED] Leicestershir LE19 2AL

[REDACTED] le16 9da

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[REDACTED] Le2 6 qr

[REDACTED] sw3 5ay

[REDACTED] PH2 9RB

"It is needed. It is a place of security and expertise for those in need of that like our friends son. It can't be replicated. Please listen and don't make this a done deal. Listen to those who speak for those with no voice or who aren't able to articulate what it means to them, an extension of their world in a safe, interesting and exciting, but familiar, expertly led, environment."

"The closure of Roman way day centre will take away a life line to many. The most vulnerable in our society are sadly being overlooked. This must NOT happen."

"This family is on its knees and has been there for years. Respite for all families in this kind of situation need urgent help, respectful, exceptional care and funds"

"Caring for the vulnerable in society is too critical an activity to hand over to any business whose ultimate aim is to make a profit rather than optimising the lives of the clients it serves."

"I support the most vulnerable"

"I am related to [REDACTED] parents who need to have as much support as possible to continue the wonderful care they give their son."

"The community needs this facility"

"It serves a community of special needs people, it houses meals on wheels and shopmobility, where do these get relocated to"

"Roman way is a lifeline for our friends and their son. Please do not close it or change what it provides."

"My friends brother in law uses this establishment and its closure would have a big detrimental effect on him and his elderly Mum"

"We need this service, it isn't a luxury! There are no services for special educational needs locally, we need to preserve them not lose them. The town is growing and it is not acceptable to put money into business development while axing social support services."

"This is such a valuable service to those who need it, not just the users themselves but their families as well"

"Disabled access should be a right, not a privilege and as such should be provided by the public sector. What do people pay their council taxes for?"

"This is so important to the people who use it."

"in order to break community up"

"Yeah!"

[REDACTED]	PH2 9RB	"We need to stop!"
[REDACTED]	PH2 9RB	"We need more signatures to help us out!"
[REDACTED]	LE16 8AG	"This centre is unique and necessary"
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	LE3	"I've lived in Market Harborough all my life- Roman Way Day Centre is part of the town!"
[REDACTED] Auckland		"This is an essential service and removing it would be devastating to do many people"
[REDACTED]	PH2 9RB	"We'll do it!"
[REDACTED]	PH2 9RB	"We'll try!"
[REDACTED]	PH2 9RB	"We'll win!"
[REDACTED]		"This is a crucial asset to the community. A loss of specialist day placements and support increases risk of escalation to more restrictive methods of care which are much less efficient and can be traumatising to users."
[REDACTED] NE11 9UL		
[REDACTED] LE8 9FH		"We should be increasing these services not decreasing"
[REDACTED]		"This is a vital local facility for people with learning disabilities. It provides person centred support which is delivered both via individual and group activities at the centre as well as in local community placements. Humans are social beings, so what is wrong with users doing some things together, as well on an individual basis within the community. Also, the centre and users have become very much part of the local community."
[REDACTED] NN14 2LB		"I believe strongly in the need for keeping community centers open and having more support for vulnerable people in our community. We don't need more flats to help line the pockets of the already wealthy either. We need more social and affordable housing."
[REDACTED] l17 Odu		
[REDACTED] Le167jf		"Great Community hub"
[REDACTED]		"I doubt that the people who rely on this Community Centre will be offered a better facility in Market Harborough."
[REDACTED] LE1		
[REDACTED] LE65 2LT		"This is wrong."

"I used to work with [redacted] and his friends at Roman Way Day Centre for several years. To hear that the centre might be closing is alarming; to say Roman Way is a lifeline for the service users and their families who use it feels like an understatement. The day centre is a place is a safe space for service users; their friends are there and they have access to a community who know and appreciate them. It's a totum for those who need order and routine, and a closure or move outside Market Harborough would severely jeopardise this. It's not just the service users who will be impacted by the closure, but families and carers as well. The service users who go to Roman Way have specific and complex needs, that can be catered for and supported by the centre. Attending the centre gives time and space for carers and parents like [redacted] and [redacted] to recuperate, recharge, get over jobs/errands done, and switch their mind off to think of other things in the knowledge that [redacted] is being looked after before he returns home after"

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"Where are people supposed to go if it closes? How ridiculous. It must be kept open."

"We need valuable local support facilities"

"This facility is hugely beneficial to our community"

"We desperately need Community Centres"

"I think it is totally wrong to put the services offered by Roman Way Community Centre out to private providers. The day care provision is essential and benefits carers and those cared for. Families struggle enough as it is, and to disrupt those affected by this proposal is most likely to create even more problems for those relying on this centre. Private provision usually reduces service delivery as management charges reduce the funding available. A failed Private Trust that handed back a hospital to the NHS should be warning enough [redacted]"

[redacted] LE16

[redacted] LE3 2EE

[redacted] LE4 8NE

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[redacted] SL3

"This will have a devastating effect on users and their families. I believe it should stay open. The consequences of it closing would be dire."

"My son attends Melton Day Center which is also under threat of closure. Let's hope this petition can make County Hall reconsider closures across the County."

"[redacted] community needs Roman Way so vital"

"We must care for the most vulnerable people in our community"

"I'm signing as I now live in Harborough and know how much needed this provision is"

"For the individuals and their families - carers this community resource is priceless. It is reliable, consistent, providing skilled, good quality care support. Closure by the County Council clearly shows they know the price of everything and the value of absolutely nothing. Shameful."

[REDACTED] LE2 5WD

[REDACTED] LE8 0SX

[REDACTED] TA6

[REDACTED] LE16 9QL

"It is the right thing to do for the less advantaged of the town"

"Communities need community centres like Roman Way."

"This a vital community asset that should be retained"

"It would be a travesty for its service users to see it owed there would be routine issues and can the private sector cope with so.e of the needs"

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] le16 9lw

"My profoundly learning disabled adult daughter attends this one and only day service in this area that is capable of providing the support and care she requires. Other services tend to cater quite well for the "more able" disabled persons! Severely disabled people are left out of the "disabled provision ""

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Item 5 – Provision of In-House Community Life Choices Services (Day Services)
Comments from Mr Barry Champion CC

In response to item 5, I would like the following comments passed on to cabinet.

In response to the public consultation on this matter, I visited the Roman Way centre back in October with Staff and LCC officer present to get an understanding of the centres facilities, care provided and level of demand.

It is obvious from the responses in the public consultation and a tour of the facilities that over the years these facilities have catered well for the needs of the centre's users, that the staff are very experienced and devoted to the care of the centre's users and are an exemplary flag bearer for LCC's care provision.

I have asked that my contact details be made available to anyone from my division using the centre, in case they need any representation from their County Councillor. I have not received any requests.

I appreciate that in these difficult times and with extreme pressures on budgets, that Cabinet have to look at the how we go forward with our care provision in an affordable manner and with the low levels of use at these facilities, it is inevitable that alternatives will be sought.

The public consultation makes it quite clear that the overall response is to maintain the current facility, as does the petition, with I believe over 800 signatures. I was not able from the information provided to be able to break this down into users and non-users, for all we know, the positive responses could be from users, perhaps this is something to get clarification on as it is the users views that are most important to me.

I ask the cabinet to consider that if closure of this and other facilities were to go ahead, that they take into account the following:

- That you are completely satisfied that the alternatives will provide an equal or better service.
- That any transition of users from one facility to another will be carried out carefully, sensitively and with the users circumstances fully considered.
- Ensure that any travel issues are accommodated for if services are relocated.
- That we look to retain as many of the highly trained and devoted staff as we can in different roles if available.
- That the inevitable reallocation of the sites by Strategic Property Services, looks to options that put something back into the community, through affordable housing, community centres etc.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the above

Barry Champion CC
Member, Market Harborough East

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Submission to Cabinet
14th December 2021



From Max Hunt CC

Item 9: National Highways Route Strategies Development (RIS3)

This report identifies congestion on various sites on the strategic network. It is notable that several of the sites are 'old friends' where previous increases in capacity has been applied only to return for more. These including M1 Junctions north of 21, south of 24, and the Hobby Horse Roundabout. Improvements to many such hot spots simply generate more traffic, more pollution and depressingly see the return of congestion after a few years as traffic fills the extra capacity created. This is well documented in the professional literature.

The A5 west of Hinckley includes of collisions and bridge strikes have regularly come under scrutiny and is in a different category.

Surprisingly, the *Environmental Implications* section of this report (para 35) fails to identify any environment implications. This can't be right. The Labour Group believes that Environmental implications, which are required in all reports, should include the implications for climate change and air quality.

Local Plans proposals to RIS3: These are not necessarily issues for the strategic network. Too many developments in Local Plans are car dependent and that is where the problems start.

The Government's [RIS2](#) report noted that "*urbanisation and modern lifestyles have inspired a resurgence in urban transit systems and cycling for work and leisure*"

.... but where are they in our Local Plans?

Air Quality and Noise: Air quality is referenced only on one site – the one with substandard weaving lengths¹. Many new homes are being built along the strategic network, like Shepshed. National Highways has examined some test sites and should be asked to extend air quality and noise monitoring into Leicestershire particularly with reference to the new Environment Act.



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-decarbonisation-plan>

¹ the crossing of two or more traffic streams traveling in the same general direction along a significant length of highway without the aid of traffic control device.

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