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Dear Sir/Madam

I summon you to the MEETING of the LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL to be held at COUNTY HALL, GLENFIELD on WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 2017 at 2.30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council, whichever is the later, for the transaction of the business set out in the agenda below.

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Announcements.
2. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 17 May 2017. (Pages 3 - 22)
3. To receive declarations by members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.
4. To answer questions asked under Standing Order 7(1)(2) and (5).
5. To receive position statements under Standing Order 8.

To consider reports of the Cabinet, Scrutiny Commission, Scrutiny Committees and other bodies:

6. Report of the Scrutiny Commission.
 - (a) Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17. (Pages 23 - 40)



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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, GLENFIELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2017**

PRESENT

Mr. W. Liquorish JP CC (in the Chair)

Mr. P. Bedford CC, Mr. I. E. G. Bentley CC, Mr. D. C. Bill MBE CC, Mr. R. Blunt CC, Mr. G. A. Boulter CC, Mr. S. L. Bray CC, Mr. L. Breckon JP CC, Dr. P. Bremner CC, Ms. L. Broadley CC, Mr. M. H. Charlesworth CC, Mr. J. G. Coxon CC, Mr. B. Crooks CC, Dr. T. Eynon CC, Dr. R. K. A. Feltham CC, Mrs. H. J. Fryer CC, Mr. S. J. Galton CC, Mr. D. A. Gamble CC, Mr. T. Gillard CC, Mrs. A. J. Hack CC, Mr. D. Harrison CC, Dr. S. Hill CC, Mr. Max Hunt CC, Mr. D. Jennings CC, Mr. J. Kaufman CC, Mr. J. Miah CC, Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. M. T. Mullaney CC, Ms. Betty Newton CC, Mr. L. J. P. O'Shea CC, Mr. J. T. Orson JP CC, Mr. P. C. Osborne CC, Mr. I. D. Ould CC, Mrs. R. Page CC, Mr. B. L. Pain CC, Mr T. Parton CC, Mr. A. E. Pearson CC, Mr. T. J. Pendleton CC, Mr J. Poland CC, Mrs. P. Posnett CC, Mrs. C. M. Radford CC, Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC, Mr. T. J. Richardson CC, Mrs H. L. Richardson CC, Mrs. J. Richards CC, Mr. N. J. Rushton CC, Mrs B. Seaton CC, Mr. S. D. Sheahan CC, Mr. R. J. Shepherd CC, Mr. D. Slater CC, Mrs D. Taylor CC, Mr. G. Welsh CC, Mr. E. F. White CC and Mrs. A. Wright CC

1. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN.

It was moved by Mr Rushton, seconded by Mr Galton and carried:-

“That MRS JANICE RICHARDS be elected Chairman for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

Mrs Richards read out and signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed and signed by the Chief Executive.

Mrs Richards took the Chair and thanked her proposer and seconder and members of the Council for electing her.

The Chairman thanked Mr Liquorish for his services to the County during his period of office as Chairman and Mrs Can for her services as his consort. Mr Rushton, Mr Galton and Dr Eynon each joined the Chairman in associating their Groups with the thanks to Mr Liquorish and Mrs Can. Mr Liquorish thanked members for their generous remarks.

2. TO ELECT A VICE-CHAIRMAN.

It was moved by Mr Rushton, seconded by Mr Galton and carried:-

“That MR OZZY O'SHEA be appointed Vice-Chairman for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

Mr O'Shea read out and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was witnessed and signed by the Chief Executive.

Mr O'Shea thanked his proposer and seconder for their generous remarks and members of the Council for appointing him as Vice-Chairman.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mr Peter Knight

The Chairman reported that Mr Peter Knight had died on 30 March aged 88. He had served on the County Council representing the Lutterworth electoral division from 1981 – 1985 and again from 1993 – 1997. Mr Knight had been a Spokesman on the Arts, Libraries and Museums Committee. He had also served on the Environment Committee and its subcommittee for Agriculture and Environmental Protection as well being a member of the Social Services Committee. The Chairman invited Members to join her in silent tribute to Mr Knight.

Welcome to new Members of the County Council

The Chairman congratulated all Members on their election, or re-election, to the County Council and offered a warm welcome to new County Councillors who were attending their first meeting of the County Council.

Refreshments

The Chairman invited all Members and Chief Officers to join her for light refreshments in the Members Lounge, immediately following the meeting.

Armed Forces Day

As a prelude to Armed Forces Day, the Chairman was pleased to inform Members that she would be hosting a Flag-Raising ceremony at the Stand Easy Memorial on Monday, 19 June, at 10.30 a.m. All Members had been invited to attend.

The Chairman reminded Members that they had been invited to a special service and parade to be held on Saturday, 24 June at Leicester Cathedral to mark Armed Forces Day. The service would be held jointly with the Lord Mayor of Leicester and the Lord-Lieutenant and would be followed by a parade of Standards, service personnel, veterans and cadets through the streets of Leicester, behind the pipes and drums of the Seaforth Highlanders. All members were encouraged to attend.

Chairman's Reception – Beaumanor Hall

The Chairman was pleased to inform Members that she would be holding a Reception at Beaumanor Hall on Thursday, 27 July at 6.30 p.m. All Members of the County Council would be receiving invitations in due course.

The Centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele

The Chairman asked Members to note that they would receive an invitation a special service at Leicester Cathedral on Monday, 31 July which would mark the start of the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele, in which

over 1,300 men from Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland lost their lives. The Service would be held jointly with the Lord-Lieutenant and the Lord Mayor and the Chairman encouraged all Members to attend.

County Service

The Chairman asked Members to note that the County Service this year would be held at Leicester Cathedral on Sunday, 1 October at 3 p.m. The Service would be followed by refreshments. Invitations would be issued to all Members in due course and she hoped that Members would support the annual service.

Visitors

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting all visitors and guests of Members and anyone who was viewing the meeting via the webcast.

4. TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER.

The Chief Executive presented the report of the Returning Officer on the persons duly elected to the County Council at the elections which had been held on 4 May 2017.

The Chairman congratulated all Members on their election and in particular extended a welcome to new Members.

5. MINUTES.

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by the Vice-Chairman and carried:-

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 March 2017, copies of which have been circulated to members, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.”

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

No such declarations were made.

7. QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1)(2) AND (5).

(A) Mr Hunt asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:-

- “1. Will the Leader indicate whether the County Council welcomes the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy published on 21st April 2017 following extensive consultation?
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycling-and-walking-investment-strategy>”

2. Would you agree that Local Cycling and Walking Investment Plans fit in with Strategic Priorities in our Environment & Transport Interim Commissioning Strategic Delivery Plan 2017/18?
3. How does the County Council, working with the LLEP, intend to respond to the Strategy?"

Mr Pain replied as follows:-

- "1. Leicestershire County Council fully supports the Government's ambition to increase levels of cycling and walking in England, recognising the significant economic, health and environmental benefits that this will bring at the local level. The approach and actions are to be welcomed in particular the commitments to the Access Fund, Bikeability funding and support for Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs).
2. The principles of the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) are already embedded in the County Councils infrastructure planning and delivery. The area based approach developed by Local Transport Plan 3 places the County Council in a good position to respond to the LCWIP's. The work undertaken developing and securing the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and Access Fund has enabled LCWIP's to be delivered on the ground in Loughborough, Hinckley and Coalville and the corridors into Leicester. Moving forward opportunities will be developed as part of Single Local Growth Fund and National Productivity Investment Fund bids, targeting delivery in other parts of the County.
3. The County Council will be submitting an Expression of Interest form to the Department for Transport in order to secure 60 days technical support for the development of LCWIP's. If successful this would enable us to have plans in place which will put the County Council in an excellent position to secure future external funding for walking and cycling infrastructure requirements, supporting the needs of local businesses and residents."

Mr Hunt asked the following supplementary question:-

"Could I first of all congratulate and welcome the new Environment and Transport Spokesperson on the Cabinet and ask under item 3 whether the expression of interest which the County Council will be submitting to the Department of Transport in order to secure the technical support will be a joint one with the City Council or will we be out on our own with this which has particular advantages for the County Council?"

Mr Pain replied as follows:-

"Just to answer the question directly – I don't know. I understand that we will be submitting an expression of interest but I will get some clarity on that and will write back to you."

(B) Mr Hunt asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:-

“In a previous era the County Council led several initiatives to increase trade and investment with business in the County. Could the Leader advise me:-

1. What happened to the Leicestershire India Trade Bureau?
2. Is the East Midlands China Trade Bureau still actively engaged in the County?
3. When did the County last welcome trade missions from Sichuan and are any such visits with our Chinese or Indian partners to be planned in the foreseeable future?
4. Is the LLEP developing any plans to respond to a decline in trade between Leicestershire businesses and the EU occasioned by our leaving the Single Market and Customs Union?
5. What steps are the County Council and the LLEP considering to replace the EU European Structural and Investment Funds as a source of investment?”

Mr Rushton replied as follows:-

- “1. The ‘Leicestershire India Trade Bureau’ was an initiative established through the LSEP (LeicesterShire Economic Partnership) in conjunction with EMDA (East Midlands Development Agency). This ceased to operate following the abolition of Regional Development Agencies (March 2012).

2. No.

In respect of Questions 1 and 2 the County Council, alongside the City Council, has agreed that place marketing, inward investment and strategic tourism activities will be delivered by a new Place Marketing Organisation owned by the two local authorities.

The new organisation will be established in July 2017. Further details can be found in the Cabinet report presented on 23 November 2016.

3. The County Council has hosted two recent delegations from Sichuan Province in May 2015 and August 2016. Both events involved senior officer representation from the Council and focussed on promoting common economic interests around agriculture (food and drink) and transport whilst exploring potential for closer relationships in trade and commerce. The delegation in August 2016 was hosted by Cllr Blake Pain.

There is a further inward delegation currently being planned for July 2017, which will involve the Vice-Governor of the Sichuan Provincial Government, and include senior Member and officer representation from the County Council, together with relevant partners. The

delegation will focus on trade, investment and finance.

4. The LLEP is currently undertaking a refresh of its Strategic Economic Plan and this is taking account of changing economic conditions and circumstances, including the impacts of Brexit, and new economic evidence.

The County Council is working with partners to collate and share information on the potential impacts, positive and negative, of Brexit. A Leicester and Leicestershire Business Survey (approx. 1,000 businesses) is being commissioned to supplement current anecdotal information. This will be used by the LLEP and partners to inform any required interventions resulting from Brexit.

5. The Council and LLEP are awaiting clarification from central Government regarding future funding arrangements to replace the various ESIF funding streams. In the meantime the Council and LLEP continue to seek to maximise receipt of funding from other sources (e.g. the Local Growth Fund) and effectively deploy locally generated funds (e.g. the Business Rates Pool)."

Mr Hunt asked the following supplementary question:-

"Now that we are leaving the European Union, as we are used to hearing too often these days I have to say, and the Prime Minister has been touring the world looking for trade, is it not surprising that the Leicestershire link with Indian trade seems to have taken a back seat. I would ask the Leader if, within the Place Marketing Organisation which was previewed in November, it will have a special place for potential trade with Southern Asia that we have aspired to and enjoyed from time to time within the City and County?"

Mr Rushton replied as follows:-

"In terms of Brexit, well we are all Brexiteers now if you believe the polls, 65% of the population would now vote for Brexit. As you know, I was a remainder but if asked to vote again would vote for Brexit.

On Indian trade, it is certainly very important. As an ex-colony with exactly the same legal system, and other things, as ours, and the amount of people who have left the Indian continent to come to the United Kingdom, I think they are a very important trading partner and I often express the view that we look too often to China and not enough to India and that sort of area and so I will certainly take that up on the County Council's, and the people of Leicestershire's, behalf."

(C) Mr Bray asked the following question of the Leader or his nominee:-

"Does the Leader agree with the incoming Conservative Deputy Leader of Derbyshire County Council that reversing charges at recycling centres is straight-forward common sense? It's the service that tax-payers expect and it's the right thing to do to protect our countryside and local communities?"

Mr Pain replied as follows:-

“In April the Government published a Litter Strategy, which referred to guidance being issued to local authorities on various matters. In respect of what the Government describe as ‘DIY household waste’ it is fair to say that more clarity is required as to what that constitutes. If charges for some construction and demolition waste from householders are to be stopped or reduced, it will be equally important to ensure that a new charging regime does not allow loopholes for builders and small traders seeking to dispose of their waste at the County Council’s ‘Household Waste and Recycling Centres’.”

Mr Bray asked the following supplementary question:-

“Can I thank Mr Pain for his response but could I ask him to clarify the response since he didn’t actually answer the question, whether he would be following Derbyshire’s lead and scrapping the charges?”

Mr Pain replied as follows:-

“In terms of the proposal to scrap charges, I am not sure whether they currently charge or not. What I can tell Mr Bray is that the leadership of this Council has asked me to look at this. It is something I think we all recognise from the doorstep, during the campaign up to the County Council elections, that people have asked questions about and I have been tasked to look at this under my responsibilities.”

8. POSITION STATEMENTS UNDER STANDING ORDER 8.

The Leader presented a position statement on the following matters:-

- Elections;
- Honorary Aldermen;
- New Council;
- Meeting with Regional Leaders;
- General Election;
- Her Majesty The Queen’s visit to Leicester.

A copy of the position statement is filed with these minutes.

9. REPORT OF THE CABINET.**(a) Dates of Council Meetings 2017-19.**

It was moved by Mr Rushton, seconded by Mr Shepherd and carried:-

‘That Standing Order 1 (5) be amended to read as follows:-

“SO1(5). Unless the Council otherwise determines, all meetings of the Council shall be held at 2.00 p.m. other than a meeting on a Saturday which shall be held at 10.00 a.m. provided that the time may be varied by the Chairman following consultation with the

Group Leaders.” ’

10. TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEMS 11 AND 12 OF STANDING ORDER 4:-

- (a) To appoint the Leader (and to note the members which the Leader proposes to appoint to the Cabinet);**

Motion 1

It was moved by Mr Rhodes, seconded by Mr Shepherd and carried:-

“That Mr N J Rushton be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

Motion 2

It was moved by Mr Rushton, seconded by Mr Shepherd and carried:-

"That it be noted that the Leader proposes to appoint the members named on list '1' attached to the Order Paper as members of the Cabinet."

A copy of List '1' is attached.

- (b) To appoint such Cabinet Support Members as the Council considers appropriate;**

It was moved by Mr Rushton, seconded by Mr Shepherd and carried:-

"That the following members be appointed as Cabinet Support Members until the next Annual Meeting of the County Council, as provided for in Article 7 of the Council's Constitution:-

Dr R K A Feltham
Mr T J Pendleton
Mrs C M Radford"

- (c) To appoint members of the Scrutiny Commission, Board and Committees;**

It was moved by Mr Shepherd, seconded by Mr Charlesworth and carried:-

"That the membership of the Scrutiny Commission, Boards and Committees as set out in List '2' attached to the Order Paper be approved."

- (i) SPOKESMEN**

Commissioners

Mr Shepherd named the members shown in the second and third columns of list 'S', as Conservative Commissioners of the Scrutiny Commission as shown.

Mr Charlesworth named the member shown in the fourth column of list 'S', as

Liberal Democrat Commissioner of the Scrutiny Commission as shown.

Mr Hunt named the member shown in the fifth column of list 'S', as Labour Commissioner of the Scrutiny Commission as shown.

Scrutiny Committees and Development Control and Regulatory Board

Mr Shepherd named the members shown in the second and third columns of list 'S', as Conservative Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Scrutiny Committees and the Development Control and Regulatory Board as shown.

Mr Charlesworth named the members shown in the fourth column of list 'S', as Liberal Democrat Spokesmen of the Scrutiny Committees and the Development Control and Regulatory Board as shown.

Mr Hunt named the members shown in the fifth column of list 'S', as Labour Spokespersons of the Scrutiny Committees and the Development Control and Regulatory Board as shown.

Other Regulatory Bodies

Mr Shepherd named the members shown in the second column of list 'S', as Conservative Spokesmen of the bodies as shown.

Mr Charlesworth named the members shown in the third column of list 'S', as Liberal Democrat Spokesmen of the bodies as shown.

Mr Hunt named the members shown in the fourth column of list 'S', as Labour Spokespersons of the bodies as shown.

A copy of list 'S' is attached to these minutes.

(ii) SUBSTITUTES

It was moved by Mr Shepherd, seconded by Mr Charlesworth and carried:-

"That the Chief Executive be authorised to make and terminate appointments to the Commission, committees, boards and other County Council bodies (not including the Cabinet) in accordance with the wishes of the political groups to whom the seat in question has been allocated, subject in the case of those bodies set out in list 'B' to the Group giving one day's notice to the Chief Executive of its wishes."

(d) To appoint church representatives to serve on the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Report of the Chief Executive.

It was moved by Mr Shepherd, seconded by Mr Charlesworth and carried:-

"That Canon Carolyn Lewis be appointed as Church of England representative and Mr Gerard Hirst be appointed as the Roman Catholic Church representative on the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or other appropriate scrutiny committee dealing with Education)

for the period ending with the County Council elections in 2021).”

2.00 pm – 3.23 pm
17 May 2017

CHAIRMAN

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 17TH MAY 2017**POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL****Elections**

Could I echo the Chairman's comments and congratulate members on their election or re-election to the Council. I've also received a personal letter of congratulation from the DCLG Secretary of State, Sajid Javid and a personal call from Marcus Jones.

Can I now take this opportunity to thank all the staff involved in the election results service which took place on Friday, 5 May. The service provided was professional and welcoming, and was a credit to the County Council.

Honorary Aldermen

Following discussions with Group Leaders, it is proposed to appoint the following retiring members as Honorary Aldermen, as a means of recognising the contribution they have made and the service they rendered to the people of Leicestershire

- Dave Houseman
- Peter Lewis
- David Snartt
- Graham Hart

The appointment of Honorary Aldermen will take place at the next Council meeting in June.

New Council

I am grateful to the people of Leicestershire who, having recognised our excellent stewardship of the Council, have returned us for a fifth term of office with an increased majority.

As I said in our manifesto, the future remains uncertain, but the one thing we can be sure of is that austerity has not gone away and money will be tight. We will continue to build on our work to date on challenging how the Council works and operates so that we can continue to deliver services which are excellent but provide value for money. The Transformation Board, under the Chairmanship of Byron Rhodes, will play a key role in doing this, and I would like to take this opportunity to invite both Opposition parties to re-join the Board.

Whilst it is important that we focus on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of our service delivery, my Administration will not lose sight of the need to address issues of concern facing local communities where we are able to do so. One such initiative begun in

the last Council and which we will be moving forward with is the introduction of cameras to reduce speeding on key rural roads and within some villages. It is only through careful control of expenditure that we are able to set aside monies for such investments.

We face significant ongoing challenges regarding our revenue funding and we will continue with our campaign of fairer funding, which I believe is gaining traction. We have however managed to secure significant capital resources and over the next few years, we will be investing over £172 million in infrastructure schemes to support jobs growth and the regeneration of our local economy.

Meeting with Regional Leaders

I have already spoken with all the new leaders with the new administrations in Warwickshire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. I am looking to set up meetings with them all, as all these counties share strategic interests with us, and I am keen to develop good working relationships with them and also with Councils in the West Midlands so that together, through Midlands Engine and Connect, we can unlock the region's potential and create an environment in which businesses can flourish and thereby enhance the opportunities for our citizens and communities.

General Election

On 8 June, the country will vote in what I believe will be the most important election in a generation. Whilst the opposition parties – or one in particular - may not like it, the people voted for Brexit and we need to respect that vote and ensure it is delivered.

Whilst the Brexit negotiations will be difficult and complex, I will seek to ensure that in any Brexit deal the interests of the county and the Midlands area are taken into account. Again, through the Midlands Engine, we will monitor developments and seek to position the Midlands to take advantage of opportunities that present themselves.

Once the dust settles after the General Election, I intend to set up the regular rounds of meetings with our MPs, which have been very successful in lobbying Government.

Her Majesty The Queen's visit to Leicester

Leicester and Leicestershire were honoured by the presence of The Queen at Leicester Cathedral for the Royal Maundy Service.

Could I pay particular tribute to the Tim Webster and his Civics Team who played a huge role in supporting the Cathedral in the planning and preparation for the event. This is not the first time that our Civics Team has risen to the challenge having previously worked with the Cathedral on the re-interment of King Richard III.

LIST 1**THE LEADER**

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL: Mr N. J. Rushton CC

THE CABINET

The Leader (elect) has given notice that he proposes to appoint the following members to serve on the Cabinet.

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL: Mr J. B Rhodes CC

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET:-

1. Mr I. D. Ould CC - (Lead Member for Children and Young People)
2. Mr R. Blunt CC
3. Mr B. L. Pain CC
4. Mrs P. Posnett CC
5. Mr R. J. Shepherd CC
6. Mr E. F. White CC

Cabinet Support Members

1. Dr R. K. A. Feltham CC
2. Mr T. J. Pendleton CC
3. Mrs C. M. Radford CC

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LIST '2'

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**SCRUTINY COMMISSION (11)**

Conservative (7)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (3)
1 Mrs Page	1 Dr Eynon	1 Mr Galton
2 Mr Jennings		2 Mr Bray
3 Mr T. Richardson		3 Mr Bill
4 Mr Slater		
5 Mrs Wright		
6 Mr Breckon		
7 Mr Pearson		

(To include Leader of the Opposition as Chairman, 3 Commissioners (2 Administration and 1 minority Opposition), 4 Chairmen of Scrutiny Committees (on the basis of 4 Conservative Chairmen) and 3 other members for political balance (1 Conservative and 2 Liberal Democrat.))

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (9)**A. ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES (9)**

Conservative (6)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (2)
1 Mr T. Richardson	1 Mr Miah	1 Mrs Broadley
2 Dr Bremner		2 Mr Charlesworth
3 Mr Parton		
4 Mrs Fryer		
5 Mr Jennings		
6 Mr Liquorish		

B. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (9)

Conservative (6)	Labour (1)	Liberal Democrat (2)
1 Mrs Wright	1 Mr Sheahan	1 Mr Welsh
2 Mrs L. Richardson		2 Mr Kaufman
3 Dr Bremner		
4 Mrs Seaton		
5 Mrs Page		
6 Mrs Taylor		

C. ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT (9)**Conservative (6)**

- 1 Mr Slater
- 2 Mr Pearson
- 3 Mr Coxon
- 4 Mr Poland
- 5 Mr Bentley
- 6 Dr Bremner

Labour (1)

- 1 Mr Hunt

Liberal Democrat (2)

- 1 Mr Boulter
- 2 Mr Bill

D. HEALTH (9)**Conservative (6)**

- 1 Mr Breckon
- 2 Mrs Taylor
- 3 Mr Bedford
- 4 Mr Parton
- 5 Mrs Fryer
- 6 Mrs L. Richardson

Labour (1)

- 1 Ms. Hack

Liberal Democrat (2)

- 1 Dr Hill
- 2 Mr Gamble

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND REGULATORY BOARD (11)**Conservative (7)**

- 1 Mr Coxon
- 2 Mr Gillard
- 3 Mr Jennings
- 4 Mr Harrison
- 5 Mrs Taylor
- 6 Mrs L. Richardson
- 7 Mr Liquorish

Labour (0)**Liberal Democrat (4)**

- 1 Mr Crooks
- 2 Mr Charlesworth
- 3 Mrs Broadley
- 4 Mr Boulter

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE (5)**Conservative (3)**

- 1 Mr Rushton
- 2 Mr Rhodes
- 3 Dr Feltham

Labour (1)

- 1 Dr Eynon

Liberal Democrat (1)

- 1 Mr Galton

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE (5)**Conservative (3)**

- 1 Mr Rhodes
- 2 Mr Shepherd
- 3 Mr Jennings

Labour (1)

- 1 Ms Newton

Liberal Democrat (1)

- 1 Mrs Broadley

LOCAL PENSION COMMITTEE (5)**Conservative (3)**

- 1 Mr Osborne
- 2 Mr Breckon
- 3 Mrs Page

Labour (1)

- 1 Mr. Hunt

Liberal Democrat (1)

- 1 Dr Hill

LOCAL PENSION BOARD (3)

(2 members appointed by the County Council and 1 member appointed by Leicester City Council)

Conservative (2)

- 1 Mr Jennings
- 2 Mr Bedford

Labour (0)**Liberal Democrat (0)****CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (9)****Conservative (6)**

- 1 Mr Liquorish
- 2 Mr T. Richardson
- 3 Mr Jennings
- 4 Mr Slater
- 5 Mr Orson
- 6 Mr Gillard

Labour (1)

- 1 Mr Sheahan

Liberal Democrat (2)

- 1 Mr Boulter
- 2 Mr Kaufman

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LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMEN AND GROUP SPOKESMEN/SPOKEPERSONS

	Conservative		Liberal Democrat	Labour
Scrutiny Commission Commissioners	Mrs Page	Mr Jennings	Mr Galton	Dr Eynon

Overview and Scrutiny		Conservatives		Liberal Democrat	Labour
		Chairman (elect)	Deputy Chairman (elect)	Spokesman	Spokesperson
A.	Adults and Communities	Mr T. Richardson	Dr Bremner	Mrs Broadley	Mr Miah
B.	Children and Families	Mrs Wright	Mrs L. Richardson	Mr Welsh	Mr Sheahan
C.	Environment and Transport	Mr Slater	Mr Pearson	Mr Boulter	Mr Hunt
D.	Health	Mr Breckon	Mrs Taylor	Dr Hill	Mrs Hack
Development Control and Regulatory Board		Mr Coxon	Mr Gillard	Mr Crooks	-

Other Regulatory Bodies	Conservative Spokesman	Liberal Democrat Spokesman	Labour Spokesperson
Constitution Committee	Mr Rushton	Mr Galton	Dr Eynon
Employment Committee	Mr Rhodes	Mrs Broadley	Ms Newton
Local Pension Committee	Mr Osborne	Dr Hill	Mr Hunt
Corporate Governance Committee	Mr Liquorish	Mr Boulter	Mr Sheahan

Chairmanship

The Council's Constitution makes provision for the leader of the largest opposition party to be ex officio the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission.

The membership of the Scrutiny Commission includes the Chairmen of the four Scrutiny Committees.

The appointment of Chairman and Deputy Chairman are matters to be determined by the bodies themselves, but the nominations are reported to the Council (shown as "Chairman or Deputy Chairman elect").

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REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

A. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

Introduction

1. The Constitution requires that the Scrutiny Commission and Overview and Scrutiny Committees submit an Annual Report to the Council (or the Scrutiny Commission in a single report on their behalf) on their workings. The report may make recommendations about future work programmes and changes in working methods.

Annual Report

2. Attached as Appendix 1 to this report is a copy of the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17. It is intended as a public facing summary of the key highlights of scrutiny activity undertaken during the year and serves to draw out the work undertaken at committee and review panel level and how this has had an impact.

Conclusions

3. The work of Overview and Scrutiny remains highly important in ensuring that the Council's budget and performance is closely monitored and that service transformation and redesign is implemented in a high quality and cost effective manner.
4. Scrutiny resources will need to be focused on areas that matter the most to the public, such as protecting the most vulnerable in our society, and areas in which it feels will be of help the Council to work smarter and more efficiently.
5. With a number of new members joining the Council training and development will be a key issue and is something the Scrutiny Commissioners will wish to consider and raise with the Member Learning and Development Working Party.

(Motion to be moved:

That the information contained in the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, on its activities, be noted.)

**Mr. S. J. Galton CC
Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission**

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**Leicestershire
County Council**

Overview and Scrutiny

Annual Report

2016/17

What is Overview and Scrutiny?

Overview and Scrutiny is not “decision making” but comprises several bodies which monitor and influence those that are, such as the Cabinet. The Overview and Scrutiny role, carried out by non-Cabinet members, is designed to support the work of the Council in the following ways:

- By reviewing and scrutinising decisions taken by the Cabinet, also known as acting as a “critical friend”
- By considering aspects of the Council’s performance
- By assisting in research, policy review and development
- By involving itself with external organisations operating in the County to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working
- By providing a means of involving the community in the Council’s work

In Leicestershire we have the Scrutiny Commission, the lead Overview and Scrutiny body, and four service-based Committees for Adults and Communities, Children and Families, Environment and Transport and Health. Each Committee has a role in performance monitoring, enabling members to scrutinise detailed performance information and service delivery.

In addition to the committee-based work they carry out, Overview and Scrutiny Committees can also initiate task and finish work to look at a particular issue in more detail. Scrutiny Review Panels, as they are known, are made up of usually five members and their recommendations, which may suggest a change in policy or service provision, are submitted to the relevant parent committee prior to consideration by the Cabinet.

All Overview and Scrutiny meetings are held in public session and webcast. Attendance and involvement of the public is actively encouraged either via questions or petitions to be put at our meetings or suggestions for our work programme.

For further information about the Overview and Scrutiny process and how you can get involved please visit our website: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/overview-and-scrutiny

Foreword by the Scrutiny Commissioners

This Annual Report marks the conclusion of the activities of Overview and Scrutiny over the last four years of this Council. It is therefore the appropriate time to thank our fellow members who have served on Committees and Review Panels during this time and for the crucial support of Council officers. We should also particularly wish to thank those members who have contributed to Overview and Scrutiny who did not stand in the County Council election this May or were not re-elected. This includes both Scrutiny members and members of the Cabinet who have attended our meetings, responded to our questions thereby supported our work.

This past year has seen us acting as a critical friend to our Cabinet colleagues on important issues that affect local residents such as bus services, adult social care and the Better Care Together programme. The new Council will clearly face further challenges around spending and service reductions and it is important that Overview and Scrutiny continues to act at the earliest opportunity in assessing these reductions and making suggestions, where appropriate, as to how savings could be mitigated by doing things differently, or even suggesting increases in investment in some services to see a long term benefit to both the Council's purse and service users.

Rather than a complete commentary of everything we have achieved this past year this Annual Report serves as a summary of the key highlights of the work we have been engaged in during 2016/17. We hope it reflects what we feel has been another productive year in Overview and Scrutiny and we hope you enjoy reading it. You can of course find out more about our meetings [here](#).



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The four Scrutiny Commissioners are responsible for leading the Overview and Scrutiny process, deciding on priority issues for Overview and Scrutiny committees and areas that merit review by a Scrutiny Panel.

The Scrutiny Commission

The Scrutiny Commission is the lead Overview and Scrutiny body, looking at the Council's budget and performance as well as the Leicester and Leicestershire Economic Partnership (LLEP), which is responsible for the economy and strategic transport covering the County and Leicester City. The Commission also has a role to look at issues that cover the remit of more than one Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It also acts as the Council's Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Highlights

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel

As part of our protocol with the Police and Crime Panel and in discharging our duties as the Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Commission is the key point of contact for the Chairman of the Panel in ensuring that our arrangements for challenging and supporting the Police and Crime Commissioner are effective. 2016 saw a change with Conservative Commissioner Sir Clive Loader choosing not to stand for a second election which led to a victory for the Labour candidate Lord Willy Bach.

Having met with the Chairman of the Panel, Joe Orson JP CC, we were pleased to hear that the new Commissioner was settling in well to his new role and appeared keen to take on board the comments of partners and the Panel. The PCC had also given a commitment to "visible policing" which would no doubt please residents and increase public confidence. However, we raised concern with the Chairman in regard to where budgets were likely to be cut elsewhere in the Force to enable more officers to be put on the beat. We welcomed the Commissioner's commitment to "early prevention" work, such as the Supporting Leicestershire Families programme as a means of providing less of a strain on resources further down the line for all partners and improving outcomes for families. We look forward to hearing from the Panel's Chairman this summer on the Commissioner's first Police and Crime Plan and how he aims to drive down crime in the County against a national picture of increasing incidents.

Poverty

We were particularly interested in a report published by the Bishop's Poverty Commission which outlined some key actions for local partners in order to provide a better layer of protection for those at risk and in poverty. Given the austere times within which we now

live, and the resultant cuts to public services, we felt this to be a particularly pertinent issue. Having reviewed the full report entitled “How Do You Get By?” (available [here](#)) we felt it was important to consider the implications for the County Council and how services for those in poverty or hardship could be provided in a coherent way that avoids duplication. This is particularly challenging as there are a number of service providers in this area all doing very noble things, however people often aren’t simply aware of the services that are on offer and providers similarly aren’t always aware that other similar services exist.

Arising from a debate with officers we aim in the summer to hold a workshop on this issue and bring the key service providers round the table to devise a better way forward for poverty services and establish how the Council might be able to assist and perhaps better co-ordinate some of these services.

The Medium Term Financial Strategy

This year’s budget was the Council’s seventh “austerity” budget and, against the backdrop of further national cuts in public spending, it provided little in the way of reassurance that the days of service reductions look likely to draw to a close any time soon. The Council has an identified funding gap of £24 million and for this reason the campaign for “Fairer Funding” from the Government continued again this year with the Leader and Deputy Leader pressing their case for an entirely new funding model with ministers. Whilst we understood that ministers were taking notice of the Council’s unfair funding position, we have yet to see any indication that things may change.

The Council had opted for a 1.99% council tax increase and a further 2% increase via the Adult Social Care Levy. The Council could have opted to front-load the increases by having two 3% Levy rises followed by a 0% rise in the third year of the MTFs and this approach would have led to an increased resources of around £8 million, though it had been a political decision to phase the increases in more steadily over three years in an attempt to make it more manageable for council taxpayers.

In response to concerns raised by members of both the Environment and Transport OSC and the Commission, we were pleased to note that the planned £1.3 million saving on subsidies for local bus services was withdrawn by the Cabinet meaning that vital bus service links, particularly for those in isolated rural areas, would continue unaffected.



Adults and Communities

The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee looks at issues around adult social care and communities and wellbeing, including issues such as libraries and museums. It also has a role to monitor the work the Health and Wellbeing Board carries out in relation to integrated commissioning.

Highlights

Community Libraries

The transfer of libraries from being Council run to being placed in the hands of communities has been one of the Council's big success stories at a time when positive stories about public services can be hard to find. This process, which started in 2014 and was significantly boosted by a Scrutiny Review Panel which helped define the support package on offer to communities, has now seen nearly all County libraries transition in community ownership. This was a position that few members could have predicted prior to the commencement of the process.

We have been particularly impressed by the Cabinet's commitment to seeing this process through and, where there have occasionally been sticking points with some communities, the Lead Member has played an active role with officers in brokering agreements to ensure that communities do not lose out and are able to continue the running of their community facility. Members were also interested by an upcoming trial of extending access at Syston Library, enabling the building to be open for longer periods and books to be borrowed via an automated system. Members saw this approach as a key means of mitigating any future community capacity issues.

Community Life Choices (CLC)

As a result of a call-in by the Liberal Democrat and Labour groups, the Committee considered afresh proposals to reduce CLC services (often referred to as "day services") in order to achieve a financial saving of £750,000. The call-in of the decision had been made as a result of views from members that the consultation on the proposed savings had not made clear to parents and carers the full extent of the reduction in services.

We considered the evidence again and heard from officers, members responsible for the call-in and the Cabinet Lead Member. We also considered some additional evidence not available at the time of considering the matter originally which included an alternative

proposal put forward by a member of the public. Having heard the evidence the Committee elected not to pursue the matter further. We raised concern that those in receipt of care did not fully understand the proposals and were assured that where appropriate Council officers had talked through the changes with service users in an effort to aid their understanding.

Help to Live at Home

The Help to Live at Home process had a challenging start and it has been important for us as the lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee for this issue to take an active interest, challenging officers on the decisions made and what the future may hold. A new approach was taken to reduce the number of external providers for these services as a means of achieving a saving and providing better care for service users.

As recently as our March meeting, we considered an urgent item on the CQC's inspection report on the Hales Group, one of those external providers contracted to deliver these crucial services. With the inspection report having identified the Hales Group to be "inadequate" in several key areas of service delivery, we took the opportunity to ask robust questions of officers about the tendering process and what steps had been taken by the Council to ensure that service users were taken out of situations where they may find themselves at risk. The issues principally concerned the Group's difficulty in mobilising sufficient staff to ensure a good level of service was provided. We found that this is an issue facing the sector more widely where recruiting good staff is becoming increasingly more challenging, something of a national problem. Despite the CQC assessment, we were pleased to find that calls missed by Hales had dropped significantly after Christmas as a result of more staff being mobilised.

We sought further assurances that the relevant lead Overview and Scrutiny members would be kept informed should there be any further concerns with the Hales Group and where there were any other significant concerns about service delivery.



Children and Families

The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee looks at issues around social service provision for children and families, educational attainment at schools and academies and youth support services. It also monitors the work of the Children and Young People's Commissioning Board and the Supporting Leicestershire Families programme.

Highlights

Ofsted

The County Council's services for Children in Need of Help and Protection, Children Looked After and Care Leavers were inspected by Ofsted in November 2016. The outcome of the inspection, that the services "required improvement to be good", was reported to us at our meeting in March 2017. We are pleased that the Department had undertaken a self-assessment in advance of the inspection and had already started to address some of the issues identified by Ofsted. We also welcome the £0.5million investment being made to support the improvement plan. We will work with the Department and Cabinet Lead member to develop a new performance management and monitoring framework so that the proposed actions are implemented and monitored to ensure that they are delivering the required improvements in services to children and young people.

Child Sexual Exploitation

We continue to receive regular updates on how the County Council is tackling Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), an issue which has been of a particularly high profile in recent times. We welcomed the progress that has been made in developing a Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland multi-agency CSE team, including the police, nurses and a forensic psychologist. We are also pleased with the efforts that have been made to ensure information sharing and joint working across the East Midlands.

We had some concerns when the hub was in development that a sub-regional approach would divert resources away from Leicestershire residents. However, as work progressed we were reassured that, as staff from each authority managed their own cases, the rate of referrals from Leicester City did not affect Leicestershire cases. We will continue to monitor

progress and make sure that every effort is made to keep our children and young people safe.

Fostering

Throughout the year we are updated on the performance of the County Council's fostering service. We recognise that placements in family settings provide children and young people with better outcomes than residential placements and, given the financial constraints that the service is under, we are pleased that the most cost effective options are being taken forward. However, we had some concerns that the Department's Strategy to increase the number of in-house foster carers would prove to be too challenging to deliver, especially as the foster care market had not been fully tested and its capacity is therefore unknown. We asked for more details to assure ourselves that the strategy would be deliverable and we are pleased that a marketing campaign has been agreed to raise awareness and that targeted recruitments are underway; these have so far been successful. We will be kept updated on progress with the recruitment campaign as this is an important part of the future direction of travel for the Department.

20018/19 School and High Needs Funding Proposal

We have supported the Cabinet's response to the national consultation on the funding formula for schools and the formulaic basis for the distribution of the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant in the next financial year. The response reflects our concerns about the impact that these proposals will have on Leicestershire schools. We were advised by the Cabinet Lead Member that Leicestershire will see no overall benefit and that most schools will be adversely affected. Leicestershire schools are already amongst the lowest funded in the country and we are concerned about the potential risk to the viability of small schools. We await the outcome of the consultation and the Government's decision.



Environment and Transport

The Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee looks at issues around roads and road safety, public transport and waste and recycling. It also acts as the Council's Flood Risk Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Highlights

Dry Recycling Credits & Recycling and Household Waste Sites

In a lively debate at our September meeting, members considered the options for achieving significant savings in relation to the way in which the Council deals with dry recycling. The suggestion from officers to the Cabinet was to pursue the procurement of an outlet for all Waste Collection Authority (WCA) dry recycling which would enable the Council to cease paying dry recycling credits of around £3 million to the district councils. Despite this, the Committee elected to specify its preference that the Council pursue a different course of action which would mean reaching local agreements with each of the WCAs to reduce the value of dry recycling credits. It was expected that this option would still achieve the Department's initial savings target of £1 million and enable the district councils to acclimatise to the reduced funding position over time, rather than the immediate loss of funding via officers' preferred option. We made our comments to the Cabinet in this regard, but were disappointed that the Cabinet continued to pursue the preferred option of officers to achieve the larger up front saving.

In June, the Committee considered and supported the Department's plans to "insource" recycling and household waste services to enable further control over these services and enable more flexibility for the ever changing needs of service users. We were assured that job losses as a result of this approach would be minimised as many operational staff working for the current external provider, EWC would be TUPE transferred to the Council as part of the arrangements.

Major Commissioning Intentions

At our November 2016 meeting we were particularly pleased to see a very ambitious pipeline of schemes which the Department aims to achieve with the help of external funding bids. The Department had recently been successful in securing significant funding for transport projects and we were pleased that the prioritised and coherent list of schemes

would enable a quick response in the event that the necessary pots of national funding were acquired. We believe this organised approach, coupled with the Department's proven track record for success in gaining external funding, places the Council on a good footing to continue to make improvements to the County's already exceptional road network.

Road Casualties

The Committee has watched as road casualties have remained a "red" area of performance for the Environment and Transport Department over the past year. We were pleased in March to note that, whilst still a "red" area of performance, the situation appeared to have stabilised with reduced increases.

Having asked for a detailed report on the matter late in 2016 we noted that whilst no-one wants to see increases of road casualties it must be viewed within the huge overall rises in traffic and cars on the road. We were confident that the Department would continue to monitor the situation and make evidence-based changes to the road network where necessary to improve road safety.

This is a situation on which we are keen to keep a watching brief and this will certainly be the subject of further reports in the next Council year at which we hope the performance area can finally move from its "red" rating into a "green" area of performance going forward.



Health

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee looks at the planning and provision of health services in the County and the work of the Council's Public Health Department. It also scrutinises the activities of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Highlights

Better Care Fund

We have monitored progress with delivery of schemes within the Better Care Fund. We have submitted comments on the Better Care Fund Plan for 2017/18 – 2018/19. Where services were not being recommissioned we explored the reasons why and sought reassurances that those services that had been having a positive impact such as the "Lightbulb Project" (which integrates practical housing support into a single service across Leicestershire) would continue to receive funding. The Committee also raised technical issues regarding the web-based referral form for First Contact which was designed to help vulnerable adults get the appropriate support they need.

Care Quality Commission Reports

We have continued to look at reports from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) regarding health providers in Leicestershire and scrutinise actions taken by providers to address issues raised in those reports. The last year has seen CQC reports for University Hospitals Leicester NHS Trust, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) and East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) and we have sought reassurance on issues as wide ranging as the lack of privacy curtains, fridge temperatures and the management of sepsis. In addition to examining the issue of delays in Ambulance handover we have also explored some of the issues relating to recruitment and retention of staff at EMAS. This was an issue also identified with regard to LPT and we sought reassurances regarding their recruitment programme and the use of Bank and Agency staff. In connection with CQC findings that the leadership at LPT 'Requires Improvement' we sought reassurance that leadership issues would be addressed at all levels of the organisation. This was in the expectation that clear direction and instructions on good practice would cascade down the organisation and therefore improve the patient experience.

Falls

As a result of a question from a member we looked at work to develop a consistent approach to the prevention and treatment of falls in residents over the age of 65 in Leicestershire and we examined the approach from EMAS in dealing with falls and their response times which had not been satisfactory in some cases. The vision for falls is to offer a single falls prevention and treatment system across the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland region. By focussing on preventing falls, and increasing the information available, the pressure on emergency and health services will be reduced. The Committee very much supports this vision and was pleased to note that consideration was being given to training people in the voluntary sector who went into elderly persons' homes on how to prevent and deal with falls.

We also investigated procedures that were in place for the prioritisation of calls to EMAS and the triage process particularly with regard to the elderly and sought reassurances that in cases where the patient was alone the call would be escalated and the patient would be monitored over the phone until the ambulance was able to arrive. We were briefed on the new electronic Falls Risk Assessment Tool (eFRAT) which means that paramedics can use a mobile phone application to assess patients and decide where best they should be treated. In future the eFRAT will be used by Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service when they carry out home safety checks.

Emergency Care at Leicester Royal Infirmary and New Emergency Department

We received a presentation on Emergency Care at Leicester Royal Infirmary and the planned opening of the new Emergency Department. The Committee scrutinised the potential impact of the New Emergency Department on ambulance handovers and the flow of patients through the hospital. We also challenged UHL on how they dealt with periods of exceptionally high demand. It was reassuring to note that UHL were aware that the new Emergency Department in itself will not resolve all the problems with regard to flow through the hospital and other measures would need to be taken such as improving discharge times and availability of ongoing care packages. We will continue to monitor the situation closely.

We suggested that the new Emergency Department should have space for the voluntary sector to dispense help and advice and it was pleasing that UHL agreed to give this idea consideration.

We also scrutinised arrangements for the paediatric short stay emergency unit and we felt it was important to point out that some children are physically developed enough to require equipment of appropriate size for an adult. We therefore asked UHL to ensure that the unit had the facilities and equipment to deal with children of all ages and sizes. We noted that the paediatric short stay unit would have an entrance separate to that of the adult

Emergency Department and therefore it was reassuring to note that the LRI site map was to be amended to reflect the new layout.

Glenfield Heart Unit

The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has met during 2016/17 to consider the national consultation on Congenital Heart Services. NHS England has proposed that children's heart surgery should be decommissioned from the Glenfield Hospital, despite the service having excellent outcomes and being rated as 'outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission. That Committee has recognised the work undertaken to date by UHL to meet the national standards and that there is now only one area of dispute: surgical caseloads. We have been robust in holding NHS England to account and challenging the inconsistency of its approach, as Newcastle Hospital also does not meet this standard but will continue to be commissioned as it also provides a Heart Transplant Service. We have also asked NHS England difficult questions about access to services for young, vulnerable patients if the East Midlands becomes the only region in the country without a congenital heart centre. We will be meeting again to agree our final response to the consultation and will await the decision of NHS England on the future of this really important service.



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