

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE PARTNERSHIP  
REVENUES & BENEFITS JOINT COMMITTEE**

**14 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 3.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cllr Wyatt - Chair

Cllr SL Bray, Cllr Graves and Cllr Woodman

Also in attendance:

Officers in attendance: Carolyn Bland, Glenn Hammons, Julie Kenny, Ella Newman, Sally O'Hanlon, Rebecca Valentine-Wilkinson and Ashley Wilson

**50. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Beadle and Councillor Lynch.

**51. Declarations of interest**

No additional interests were declared at this meeting.

**52. Minutes of previous meeting**

It was moved by Councillor Graves, seconded by Councillor Wyatt and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

**53. Performance Report**

Members received a performance report up to July 2023.

In response to a question from members regarding arrears reductions, officers confirmed that they aimed to collect all arrears, although the right offs did affect the in-year collection.

In response to a question from members regarding council tax it was confirmed that the council tax collection was fractionally behind that of the profiled target for all three Local Authorities between 0.1 and 0.2%.

As the new claims were above the 15 day target, members queried whether the management board were confident that they could bring this within target by the year end. In response to members it was confirmed that:

- Due to the current cost of living the team had to work on various predictions and claims;
- The team were currently seeing more claims being made;
- Performance had been initially affected by connectivity to the DWP systems;
- The team were currently experiencing difficulties with recruitment to vacant posts.

In response to a question from members regarding the social housing act and the impact on the wider authorities, it was confirmed that the impact would be different for all Local Authorities depending on whether they had housing stock.

Members noted the report.

54. **Financial Performance**

Members were presented with the financial performance of the Partnership for the period April to July 2023.

Members asked about the format of the report and enquired if it had been based on the normal accrual accounting basis. They were assured that it had been, and that the report layout had been based on that and used for some time.

Officers agreed to discuss this layout and reporting information at the next management board meeting.

Members noted the report.

55. **Forward Plan**

Members noted the report.

56. **Dates of future meetings**

Members noted the dates of future meetings.

57. **Matters from which the public may be excluded**

On the motion of Councillor Bray, seconded by Councillor Wyatt, it was

RESOLVED – in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 10 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act.

58. **Confidential Item**

Members received a verbal update.

(The Meeting closed at 4.08 pm)

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CHAIR