



**CABINET**

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To: Councillors Bailey, Barkley (Deputy Leader), Bokor, Harper-Davies, Mercer, Morgan (Leader), Poland, Rattray, Rollings and Smidowicz (for attention)

All other members of the Council  
(for information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Cabinet to be held in the Preston Room, Woodgate Chambers, Woodgate, Loughborough on Thursday, 14th October 2021 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields  
Loughborough

1st October 2021

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION REPORTS**

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| 6. | <u>MOTION ON NOTICE - GLYPHOSATE BASED HERBICIDES IN OPEN SPACES, PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS</u> | 3 - 4 |
|    | Motion referred by Council to Cabinet on 26th April 2021.                                   |       |
|    | A report of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces.  |       |
| 8. | <u>POLICY ON PETS IN COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION</u>  | 5 - 6 |

A report of the Head of Landlord Services.

*Key Decision*

12. LOUGHBOROUGH BID BALLOT VOTE

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A report of the Head of Leisure and Culture.

*Key Decision*

## CABINET – 14TH OCTOBER 2021

### Report of the Scrutiny Commission

#### ITEM 6 MOTION ON NOTICE – GLYPHOSATE-BASED HERBICIDES IN OPEN SPACES, PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS

##### Purpose of Report

To consider the Motion on Notice – Glyphosate-Based Herbicides in Open Spaces, Playgrounds and Parks.

##### Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Heads of Cleansing and Open Spaces.

##### Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

##### Meeting Discussion

- i. At present there was no solution which was considered to be a viable alternative to Glyphosate-based herbicides as they were less effective. The Council was committed to managing the risks associated with the use of Glyphosate. The Council ensured that proper procedures were followed, and that Glyphosate was used correctly. The operatives using Glyphosate were specially trained and had certification which allowed them to use the substance.
- ii. There had been considerable scientific research which had suggested that Glyphosate use was not dangerous when managed and applied correctly, according to manufacturers' guidelines.
- iii. It was highlighted that some other local authorities had stopped using glyphosate-based products and were using alternatives. However, it was also highlighted that many others had continued use of glyphosate at this time.
- iv. The Council would review the use of Glyphosate in 2022 in order to properly identify the most effective alternative solutions. The review would include comparing the chemical balancing and dilution requirements of potential alternatives, as well as cost and value for money, and potential coverage. There was no desire to use Glyphosate if an alternative solution was identified.
- v. It was suggested that following the Glyphosate review in 2022, the Scrutiny Commission received an update on the outcomes.
- vi. Levels of detritus in the Borough were low in comparison to other areas.

### Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rule 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a Scrutiny Committee should be considered by Cabinet.

### Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

### Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

#### *Financial Implications*

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

#### *Risk Management*

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision:	No
Background Paper:	Scrutiny Commission Minute 43 2021/22, 11th October 2021
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## CABINET – 14TH OCTOBER 2021

### Report of the Scrutiny Commission

#### ITEM 8      PETS POLICY 2021-2025

##### Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Pets Policy 2021-2025.

##### Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Head of Landlord Services.

##### Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

##### Meeting Discussion

- i. The Housing Management Advisory Board had reviewed the proposed policy and had suggested changes regarding the types of pet included within the guidance. The changes suggested were implemented into the policy for approval by Cabinet.
- ii. Members praised the proposed policy and stated that it would be beneficial for many residents. The elderly and vulnerable specifically would benefit from the scheme as pet companionship was often important and highly valued to these residents.
- iii. The guide limit to the number of pets in the proposed policy would not work retrospectively, meaning that existing tenants would not be affected.
- iv. Reported cases involving nuisance pets were managed through legislative powers. In the event that the ownership of nuisance pets breached tenancy conditions then enforcement action was taken.
- v. The Pets Policy 2021-2025 would be communicated to all residents following Cabinet approval.
- vi. The Council had undertaken benchmarking exercises during the development of the Pets Policy 2021-2015, including the practices of other local authorities and Housing Associations.

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#### *Risk Management*

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Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Scrutiny Commission Minute 44 2021/22, 11th October 2021
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### Report of the Scrutiny Commission

#### ITEM 12      LOUGHBOROUGH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) THIRD TERM

##### Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Loughborough Business Improvement District (BID) Third Term.

##### Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Head of Leisure and Culture.

##### Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

##### Meeting Discussion

- i. The BID process included a survey of local businesses in order to develop an understanding of factors which were considered to be most important. The responses of the survey would determine the content of the business plan.
- ii. Feedback from local businesses engaged with the Loughborough BID suggests that the scheme was highly successful compared to other BIDs nationwide.
- iii. The BID was operated by a not-for-profit BID company with a Board of Directors drawn from the local businesses within the scheme.
- iv. Each separate property owned by a business rate payer attracted a vote regardless of its size.
- v. The sum of the BID Levy income was approximately £1.2m and this had been used to fund the scheme over the past five-year term.
- vi. It was recognised that the Loughborough BID had been fundamental in supporting businesses during the Covid-19 pandemic and that the work had been invaluable during this period.

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Key Decision:	Yes
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