

## Decision under Delegated Powers

### Officer Making the Decision

Chief Executive

### Recommendation

That Charnwood Borough Council signs up to a University Civic Agreement with Loughborough University and other Universities in Leicestershire (University of Leicester and DeMontfort University) to enhance the working arrangements for the benefit of the local community.


### Reason

To instil collective civic behaviours across our institutions, establishing synergy in regard to how we support local communities and ensure the prosperity of our places. This will be delivered through a combination of aligning work that is already happening and supporting new joint innovations.

### Authority for Decision

Under Section 8 of the current Council Constitution the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) has delegated authority for 'all operational management matters for those functions and service areas for which he or she has responsibility' (item 6 on page 8-4 of the Constitution).

### Decision and Date



**Robert Mitchell (he, him, his)**  
**Chief Executive**

27/06/2022

### Background

A Civic University Agreement has been developed which is a commitment between De Montfort University, University of Leicester, Loughborough University and the city and counties of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

The Agreement marks the beginning of a new venture and an enhanced partnership. It sets out key priorities that the Universities are committing to deliver in collaboration with partners and communities. The publication of the Civic University Agreement is the start of an ongoing process of collaboration, co-creation and co-production that will allow the partners to achieve shared goals.

The signatories of the agreement, commit that they will work together, in collaboration with communities and partners, to address the priorities set out in the Civic University Agreement.

The signatories of the Agreement are;

- De Montfort University
- University of Leicester
- Loughborough University
- Leicester City Council
- Leicestershire County Council
- Rutland County Council
- Oadby and Wigston Borough Council
- Charnwood Borough Council

In consultation with the partners and communities five themes, devised around key priorities for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have been identified and aligned to areas in which the universities have world-leading knowledge, expertise and best practice:

- Education
- The Economy
- Sport, Health and Wellbeing
- Environmental Sustainability
- Arts, Culture and Heritage

Each year progress will be measured and objectives reviewed to ensure that they align with the evolving priorities of communities.

### **Comments from HR**

Not applicable.

### **Financial Implications**

No financial implications apply

### **Risk Management**

No specific risks have been identified with this report.

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None