Matters Arising from the Community Engagement Forum meeting held on 12 March 2019

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NOCN LEVEL 1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COURSE
This Community Development course covers a period of ten weeks. Anyone interested in taking up a space are invited to contact the Community Engagement Officer by emailing: veronika.quintyne@oadby-wigston.gov.uk or telephone Leicester (0116) 2572648.
Action:
Circulate the application paperwork. The application form and details were circulated. It has been proposed that , due to the low take up of the course to postpone it start period to 2020.It will again be offered to volunteers and staff in the Third Sector.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, Steve Dacey and Mark Stevens gave apologies for nonattendance at this meeting. The two Local Area Coordinators presented on their behalf. A presentation slide pack titled;" A Day in the Life of .Living with a Disability in the Borough" was shared with participants. The slides highlighted the daily reality and challenges faced by people living with a disability and the coming together of people to set up a new Borough Disability Forum. A request was made to participants to encourage people to join it. People do not have to have a disability but may have knowledge and skills, which could be used to support development of this Forum.

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Mick Bullock Oadby and Wigston Council Benefits Services Manager provided a short update on the local development of Universal Credit.
He circulated a handout, which contains key points about Universal Credit, changes to it, how claimants can be helped and contact information for officers in the Benefits and the Customer Services Team. To access further information go to the following link.
https://www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/universalcredit
Action:
Circulate the handout provided on Universal Credit. The handout was circulated and the Officer invited to attend the next Community Engagement Forum meeting to provide an update as to how Universal Credit is working in the Borough with any outcomes and challenges.