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AGENDA ITEM 7 – LEEDS FESTIVAL – Supplementary information containing Statement from LCC Cleansing /RecyclingTeam

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Subject:	RE: Licensing Committee 28/01/2025 - Leeds Festival Debrief - Confirm Attendance
Date:	20 January 2025 11:33:18

Hi Matthew

As promised, please find the statement below outlining the Cleaner Neighbourhood Team's perspective on impacts to street cleansing services as a result of the Leeds Festival.

Overall, it went quite smoothly despite the adverse weather. As there's no issues report, we'd be happy with the statement being submitted to the licensing committee.

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This year's Leeds Festival has had a minimal overall impact on street cleansing. The festival site is located some distance from main roads so no significant litter issues were encountered in the surrounding locality. Also as the weather was fairly dry, there were no issues with mud getting on to the roads as people left the site. Instead with traffic management in place, routine seasonal road sweeping was undertaken. High winds over the Festival weekend meant that the street cleansing team tended to be dealing with fallen trees/ broken branches coming down in the area.

The event buses ran from Sovereign Park in the city centre between 10am to 3am daily until all the festival crowd had dispersed. Impact on litter was minimal, consisting of small amounts of food waste and drink cans. Additional street cleansing staff were in the area doing a pre and post clean of Sovereign Park with day and night sweeping as required and extra litter bins deployed. The high winds did not cause any significant impact to the city centre although the delayed opening of the festival caused a larger than normal queue with some additional litter. Communications, in particular from Metro, around the delayed opening was excellent.
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All the best,

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