

Leith Chooses Meeting Notes, 01 July 2026

Present: Abigail, Bruce, Donna, Jack, Lisa, Rachel

Apologies: Don, Naomi, Tremaine

1 Terms of reference

- Action: Bruce to recirculate the latest version.

2 Boost vote and voting process

- Held over to 15 July

3 Themes

3.1 Suggestions

Suggestion	discussion points
Ideas around changing behaviours and attitudes: • Behaviour change • Nudges • Changing your mind • Small nudges, lasting change • Lasting change	• All of these are aimed at producing positive outcomes. • Almost all of last year's eligible entries were about encouraging change. • 'changing your mind' might be too much about mental processes, not enough about outcomes
• Greater Leith harmony	• This can be read in several ways: ○ Leith is bigger, tacitly referring to the peripheral parts of the LC area which may feel excluded from LC, harmony between all parts of the LC area. ○ Making Leith better by helping it become more harmonious. • These meanings might be lost on people who aren't up to speed with LC. • Does 'harmony' imply too much that projects should be musical? • Might this phrasing be too reminiscent of racist/xenophobic tropes such as 'greater Israel', 'greater Germany'?
• Anti-racism	• Might be too strong • Might coalesce opposition and trigger worse things • Last week's attacks may soon be forgotten

- There was discussion of why we have themes anyway.
- Action: Bruce/Jack to arrange poll between 'small nudges, lasting change' and 'greater Leith harmony'.

4 Topics for subsequent weeks

The dates below are the dates on which final decisions/approval must be made so we can make the agreed dates for the application period.

Action: Rachel to send reminders in advance.

4.1 8 July

- Requirements/expectations for vote and awards venues
- Record the final decision on theme
- Record final decision on terms of reference

4.2 15 July

- Boost vote and voting process

4.3 22 July

- Application form
 - Action: Rachel to check timeline to see if any steps on it would impact the application form.
- Guidance notes
 - Action: Jack, Bruce to work on this year's draft.