

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) (2023/24) OF THE FULL COUNCIL  
HELD AT COUNCIL OFFICES, BUSHLOE HOUSE, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON,  
LEICESTERSHIRE, LE18 2DR ON THURSDAY, 18 MAY 2023 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT**

R H Adams Mayor  
J Kaufman Deputy Mayor



Meeting ID: 2316

**COUNCILLORS**

N Alam  
S S Athwal  
L A Bentley Deputy Leader of the Council  
G A Boulter  
L M Broadley  
F S Broadley  
M H Charlesworth  
J K Chohan  
H E Darling Deputy Leader of the Opposition  
M L Darr  
J K Ford  
D A Gamble  
F S Ghattoraya  
C S Gore  
S Z Haq Leader of the Council  
G G Hunt  
P Joshi Leader of the Opposition  
R V Joshi  
C D Kozlowski  
K J Loydall  
C J R Martin  
R E R Morris  
C A M Walter

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

S J Ball Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer  
B Bull Head of Finance / Deputy Section 151 Officer  
A E Court Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service  
P Fisher Strategic Director  
D M Gill Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer  
A Thorpe Head of Built Environment

**1. CALLING TO ORDER OF THE MEETING**

The meeting of the Council was called to order to receive Her Worship The Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor I K Ridley.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**5. ADDRESS BY HER WORSHIP THE MAYOR**

The Mayor thanked her fellow Members, the Council's Senior Leadership Management Team, the Deputy Mayor and her Chaplain for all their support during the past year. She reflected on the highlights during her term of office.

**6. APPRECIATIONS**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor S Z Haq, led the appreciations for the outgoing Mayor's term of office.

**7. ELECTION OF THE MAYOR (2023/24)**

It was moved by Councillor G A Boulter, seconded by Councillor L M Broadley and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**Councillor Rosemarie H Adams be duly elected to the Office of Mayor for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24.**

The newly-elected Mayor read aloud the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and duly signed the Register. Her worship the Mayor was re-invested with her Chains and Insignia of Office.

The Mayor addressed the meeting, thanking her Proposer and Seconder for their nominations, and all Members for putting their trust in her for another year.

It was announced that Voluntary Action South Leicestershire would be the Mayor's nominated charity again for the municipal year.

**8. ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR (2023/24)**

It was moved by Councillor M H Charlesworth, seconded by Councillor L A Bentley and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**Councillor Clare D Kozlowski be duly elected to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24.**

The newly-elected Deputy Mayor read aloud the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and duly signed the Register. The Deputy Mayor was invested with her Chains and Insignia of Office.

The Deputy Mayor addressed the meeting, thanking her Proposer and Seconder for their nominations and pledging her full support to the Mayor for the ensuing year.

**9. APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL BODIES AND MEMBERSHIP SIZES (2023/24)**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 3 - 7 of the agenda update reports pack) which asked Council to appoint the Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards, Panels, Forums and Working Groups of the Council ("Council bodies") and the number of Members to serve thereon for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24.

It was moved by Councillor M H Charlesworth, seconded by Councillor L A Bentley and

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The contents of the report and appendix be noted;**
- (ii) The Council bodies and the number of Members to serve thereon (as set out at paragraph 2 of this report) for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24 be approved; and**
- (iii) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer to make all the necessary amendments to the Constitution therefrom accordingly.**

<b>Votes For</b>	18
<b>Votes Against</b>	0
<b>Abstentions</b>	7

**10. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE HOLDERS AND MEMBERS TO COUNCIL AND OUTSIDE BODIES (2023/24)**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 8 - 19 of the agenda update reports pack) which asked Council to appoint the relevant Office Holders of the Council and the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members to serve on the Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards, Panels, Forums and Working Groups of the Council ("Council bodies") for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24.

Members were advised that, following recent confirmation from Oadby Village Hall Fund, although their Constitution required two appointees to be made by the Council to serve thereon, those appointees did not need to be elected Members of the current Council. As such, one of the Liberal Democrat political group's nominations of Councillor S S Athwal had been substituted for former Councillor David M Carter.

It was moved by Councillor M H Charlesworth, seconded by Councillor D A Gamble and

**RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The nominated appointments of the Office Holders and the Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Members to serve on the Council bodies for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24 (as set out at Appendix 1 to this report as amended) be approved; and**
- (ii) By run-off election, Councillors Samia Z Haq and David M Carter be appointed to the Oadby Village Hall Fund for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24;**
- (iii) By run-off election, Councillor Samia Z Haq and Councillor Santokh S**

**Athwal be appointed to the Oadby Educational Trust for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24;**

- (iv) By run-off election, Councillor Samia Z Haq be appointed to the University of Leicester Botanic Garden Oversight Board for the ensuing municipal year 2023/24; and**
- (v) The current political balance of the Council and the proportionality arrangements as a result thereof in terms of eligible Member representation and allocation of seats on Council bodies by political group (as set out at Appendices 2 and 3 to this report) be noted.**

<b>Votes For</b>	18
<b>Votes Against</b>	0
<b>Abstentions</b>	7

## **11. SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL AND ALLIED MEETINGS (2023/24)**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 8 - 19 of the agenda update reports pack) which asked Council to approve the Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings ("the Schedule") for the municipal year 2023/24.

Members were advised that, due to the unavailability of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, the meeting of the Policy, Finance & Development Committee scheduled for 19 September 2023 could be re-scheduled to an alternative date to be confirmed.

It was moved by Councillor M H Charlesworth, seconded by the Leader of the Council and

### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings for 2023/24 (as set out at Appendix 1 and 2 to this report) be approved and adopted; and**
- (ii) The Members' Induction Programme (May/June 2023) (as set out at Appendix 3 to this report) be noted.**

## **12. NEWLY-ELECTED MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Her Worship The Mayor announced that an appropriate event would be organised in the Summer to mark her re-election as Mayor for the municipal year 2023/24.

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.45 pm**