

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD AT CIVIC SUITE, BROCKS HILL COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY, LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM

PRESENT

R H Adams Mayor
C D Kozlowski Deputy Mayor



Meeting ID: 2614

COUNCILLORS

N Alam Deputy Leader of the Opposition
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 Deputy Mayor
M L Darr
J K Ford
F S Ghattoraya
S Z Haq Leader of the Council
G G Hunt
P Joshi
R V Joshi
J Kaufman
K J Loydall
C J R Martin
I K Ridley
C A M Walter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S J Ball Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer
D M Gill Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer
S Khan Interim Strategic Director
A Thorpe Head of Built Environment

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

M Brown Exi Group

73. CALLING TO ORDER OF THE MEETING

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

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors H E Darling, D A Gamble, C S Gore and R E R Morris.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

76. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 February 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.

77. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.

78. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None.

79. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

None.

80. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

80a. OFFICIAL MAYORAL / DEPUTY MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

By affirmation of the meeting, it was:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The list of Official Engagements attended by The Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor be noted.

81. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader of the Council presented a statement outlining her recent work and the meetings she attended, the administration's plans and an overview of recent decisions taken since the previous meeting of the Council.

82. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER / SECTION 151 OFFICER

The Council gave consideration to the report (as set out at pages 16 - 18 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to approve the appointment of a Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer.

It was moved by Deputy Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor P Joshi and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) **The appointment of Colleen Warren as the Council's Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer be confirmed with effect from 1 July 2024; and**
- (ii) **The Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer arrange for the Constitution to be reviewed and amended as appropriate.**

83. OFLOG SELF-ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE BEST VALUE STANDARDS

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 19 - 36 of the agenda reports pack) which provided the Council with the results from the OFLOG self-assessment undertaken against the Best Value Standards.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendix be noted.

84. SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES (2024/25)

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 37 - 46 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to consider and adopt a Members' Allowance Scheme for the municipal year 2024/25.

It was moved by the Deputy Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor C J R Martin and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Council adopt the Scheme of Member's Allowances for 2024/25 as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) set out in paragraph 1 of the report (Appendix 1) save for the Basic Allowance which is not to be increased and to remain at £4,750 for 2024/25.

85. DRAFT SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL AND ALLIED MEETINGS (2024/25)

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 47 - 69 of the agenda reports pack) which asked Members to recommend the draft Schedule for approval at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 14 May 2024.

It was moved by Councillor G A Boulter, seconded by Councillor G G Hunt and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) **The draft Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings for 2024/25 (as set out at Appendix 1 and 2 to this report) be recommended to Full Council for approval and adoption at its AGM scheduled on Tuesday, 14 May 2024;**
- (ii) **The draft Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings for 2024/25 (as may be recommended) be circulated to all Members and Officers ahead of the AGM; and**
- (iii) **The proposed dates, times and venues of meetings for 2024/25 be provisionally entered onto the Council's meeting management application accordingly.**

86. AMENDMENT TO MATTERS RESERVED TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Council gave consideration to the report (as set out at pages 70 - 72 of the agenda reports pack) which asked for approval to amend the list of matters reserved to the Development Control Committee for decision.

It was moved by Councillor L M Broadley, seconded by Councillor J Kaufman and

RESOLVED THAT:

The additional reserved matter (as set out in paragraph 1.8 of the report) be approved and the Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the consequential amendments to the Constitution accordingly.

Votes For	21
Votes Against	0
Abstentions	1

87. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (Exempt Information) during consideration of the item(s) below on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exempt item(s) outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

88. LAND AT HORSEWELL LANE, WIGSTON (EXEMPT)

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 73 - 111 of the private agenda reports pack and pages 2-4 of the private agenda update pack) which asked it to note the information provided in the exempt report at recommendation A and approve recommendations B and C.

It was moved by Leader of the Council, seconded by the Deputy Leader of the Council and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) Recommendation A be noted;**
- (ii) Recommendation B be approved; and**
- (iii) Recommendation C be approved.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.36 pm