

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES,  
STATION ROAD, WIGSTON ON TUESDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 6.30**

**PM**

**PRESENT**

Mrs L Kaufman                      Mayor  
Mrs R H Adams                     Deputy Mayor



**COUNCILLORS**

N Alam  
L A Bentley  
G A Boulter  
J W Boyce                             Leader of the Council  
M H Charlesworth  
D A Gamble  
F S Ghattoraya                     Deputy Leader of the Opposition  
Mrs S Z Haq                         Deputy Leader of the Council  
Miss P V Joshi                      Leader of the Opposition  
J Kaufman

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

C Campbell                         Head of Finance / Acting Section 151 Officer  
Mrs A E Court                      Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service  
D M Gill                              Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer  
Mr A J Hunt                         Democratic Services Officer  
S Tucker                            Democratic & Electoral Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer  
S Wheeliker                         Democratic Services Officer

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE**

M L Darr  
Dr I K Ridley

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

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

A minute's silence was observed in memory of former Chief Executive John Burton.

**108. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Mrs L M Broadley, D M Carter, R F Eaton, Mrs L Eaton JP, Miss A Kaur, Ms C D Kozlowski, Mrs H E Loydall and K J Loydall JP.

Councillors M L Darr and Dr I K Ridley attended the meeting remotely.

**109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**110. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 September 2021 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.**

**111. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.

**112. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

None.

**113. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS**

None.

**114. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**114a. 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.

**115. LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Leader of the Council presented a Statement outlining his recent work, the administration's plans and an overview of recent decisions taken since the previous meeting of the Council.

The Leader requested that his gratitude to the Council's staff for their resilience in continuing to deliver services uninterrupted during the previous twelve months in spite of ongoing national and local pressures be placed on record.

**116. ADOPTION OF THE LGA MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS**

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 11 - 47 of the agenda, which asked it to consider adoption of the Local Government Association (LGA) Model Code of Conduct for Members with local amendments.

It was moved by Councillor M H Charlesworth, seconded by Councillor G A Boulter and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The Local Government Association (LGA) Model Code of Conduct for Members with local amendments be adopted with effect from 1 April 2022; and**
- (ii) The Monitoring Officer be given delegated authority to make any consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution.**

**117. APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR / SECTION 151 OFFICER**

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 48-50 of the agenda reports pack which asked it to approve the appointment of a Director / Section 151 Officer.

The Leader of the Council requested that his gratitude to the Interim Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer be placed on record.

It was moved by D A Gamble, seconded by Councillor G A Boulter and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The appointment of Tracy Bingham as the Council's Director / Section 151 Officer be confirmed with effect from 31 January 2022 be approved; and**
- (ii) The Monitoring Officer be instructed to review and amend the Council's Constitution as appropriate.**

**118. SOUTH LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN MAKING STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND (OADBY AND WIGSTON, BLABY AND HARBOROUGH)**

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 51 - 63 of the agenda, which asked it to approve the South Leicestershire Local Plan Making Statement of Common Ground as set out at Appendix A.

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, seconded by Mrs S Z Haq and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**The South Leicestershire Local Plan Making Statement of Common Ground be approved.**

**119. PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT APPOINTMENTS LIMITED (PSAA) – APPOINTMENT OF NEXT EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 3-7 of the agenda update pack, which asked it to approve the appointment of a new external auditor for 2023/24.

It was moved by Councillor M H Charlesworth, seconded by Councillor J Kaufman and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The Council opts-in to the appointing person arrangements made by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) for the appointment of external auditors; and**
- (ii) Authority be delegated to the Section 151 Officer to submit the formal notice of acceptance and provision of information to PSAA as required.**

**120. REVIEW OF MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION (MRP) (DECEMBER 2021)**

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 8-11 of the agenda update pack, which asked it to note the findings of the review of the Council's Minimum

Revenue Provision and approve an alternative methodology.

A number of Members welcomed the review findings, and felt reassured by the fact that the proposals were underpinned by CIPFA approved methodologies.

It was moved by G A Boulter, seconded by The Leader of the Council and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The change in methodology be approved; and**
- (ii) The resulting savings be added to the Medium Term Financial Plan from 2022/23 onwards.**

**121. DRAFT BUDGET 2022/23**

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 12-61 of the agenda update pack, which asked it to note and approve the early draft position for the 2022/23 Budget, and the scale of Fees and Charges for 2021/22.

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, seconded by L A Bentley and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The proposals in the Draft Budget 2022/23 be approved; and**
- (ii) The Scale of Fees & Charges 2021/22 be approved.**

**122. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

By 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 items 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.

**123. LEICESTERSHIRE BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP - DELEGATED SERVICE (EXEMPT)**

The Council gave consideration to the exempt report as set out on pages 64 – 97 of the private agenda reports pack.

It was moved by M H Charlesworth, seconded by J Kaufman and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**Recommendations A, B & C be approved.**

**124. RESOLUTION TO EXTEND SIX-MONTH MEETING ATTENDANCE RULE (DECEMBER 2021) [EXEMPT]**

The Council gave consideration to the exempt report as set out on pages 98 - 100 of the

private agenda reports pack.

It was moved by The Leader of the Council, seconded by Mrs S B Morris and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**The resolution to extend the six-month meeting attendance rule for the affected Councillors initially until Monday 9 May 2022 be approved.**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.15 PM**



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**Mayor**

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**Thursday, 24 February 2022**

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