

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY, FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT COUNCIL OFFICES, BUSHLOE HOUSE, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON,
LEICESTERSHIRE, LE18 2DR ON TUESDAY, 27 JUNE 2023 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT

M H Charlesworth Chair
F S Broadley Vice-Chair



Meeting ID: 2508

COUNCILLORS

N Alam
L A Bentley
G A Boulter
M L Darr
J K Ford
C S Gore
S Z Haq
P Joshi
K J Loydall

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

B Bull Head of Finance / Deputy Section 151 Officer
C Eyre Housing Manager
D M Gill Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer
T Hatton Head of Customer Service & Transformation
S Khan Interim Strategic Director / Section 151 Officer
R Sohal Finance Manager
A Thorpe Head of Built Environment
S Wheeliker Democratic & Electoral Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors G G Hunt and I K Ridley.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor S Z Haq, seconded by Councillor G A Boulter and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 March 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

5. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7. BUDGET MONITORING (Q4 2022/23)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 8 – 20 of the agenda reports pack and pages 3 – 5 of the agenda update) which provided an update on the Council's draft outturn position for the General Fund, HRA and Capital Programme for the financial year 2022/23.

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendix be noted.

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT (2022/23)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 21 – 34 of the agenda reports pack) which detailed the performance and activities of the authority's treasury management function for the financial year 2022/23.

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The contents of the report and appendices be noted.

9. BUDGET BOOK (2023/24)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 35 – 151 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to note that the Budget Book for 2023/24 was available.

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendices be noted.

10. ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY (JUNE 2023)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 152 – 175 of the agenda reports pack) which presented the updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy for Oadby and Wigston Borough Council for approval.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor K J Loydall and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy (as set out at appendix 1) be approved.

11. ETHICAL STANDARDS AND INDICATORS (Q4 2022/23)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 176 – 186 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to note the figures for local determination of complaints and ethical indicators for Q4 2022/23.

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendix be noted.

12. 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 item below on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph(s) 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 outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

13. PROPOSED PART DISPOSAL OF OADBY SITE (EXEMPT)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 187 – 208 of the agenda reports pack) which asked Members to determine whether to dispose of part of the Oadby Depot Site by way of sale or lease.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) Part of the Oadby Depot site be disposed of by way of leasing part of the site at an annual rent of £10,700 (subject to further valuation).**

Votes For	7
Votes Against	4
Abstentions	0

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor L A Bentley and

RESOLVED THAT:

- (ii) Delegated authority be granted to the Interim Strategic Director (Section 151 Officer) in consultation with the Monitoring Officer (Head of Law and Democracy) and the Chair of the Policy, Finance and Development**

Committee to agree the final details of any lease ensuring best value is obtained.

Votes For	7
Votes Against	4
Abstentions	0

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45 pm