

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY, FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT CIVIC SUITE 2, BROCKS HILL COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY,
LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON TUESDAY, 25 MARCH 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.02 PM**

PRESENT

I K Ridley Chair
F S Broadley Vice-Chair



Meeting ID: 2750

COUNCILLORS

N Alam
L A Bentley
G A Boulter
M L Darr
D A Gamble
F S Ghattoraya
S Z Haq
R V Joshi
J Kaufman
K J Loydall

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

C Eyre Housing Manager
D M Gill Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer
C Warren Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer
J Wells Senior Strategic Development Manager
S Wheeliker Senior Democratic & Electoral Services Officer

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors J K Ford, C S Gore, G G Hunt and P Joshi.

68. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

Councillors F S Ghattoraya and R V Joshi substituted for Councillors J K Ford and P Joshi respectively.

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

70. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 February 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.

71. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**Policy, Finance & Development
Committee**
Tuesday, 25 March 2025, 7.00 pm

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None.

72. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

73. BUDGET MONITORING (Q3 2024/25)

Councillor M L Darr entered at 7:08pm.

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 6 – 22 of the agenda reports pack), which provided the Committee with the forecast outturn position for the Council for Q3 2024/25.

The Chair requested it be put on record that the homelessness crisis this Council is facing is also affecting many other Councils, that the grant provided for this issue is insufficient to tackle it, and that central government must provide further help to local Councils.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair, and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- i) The contents of the report and appendices be noted; and**
- ii) The carry forward of slippage as shown in the capital projects be approved.**

74. SUNDRY DEBTOR AND REVENUES WRITE OFFS

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 3 – 7 of the agenda update pack), which provided an update on the status of debts written off under delegated powers.

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The contents of the report and appendix be noted.

75. AIR QUALITY STRATEGY (2025)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 23 – 58), which asked for the Council's first ever Air Quality Strategy to be approved.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor S Z Haq, and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Air Quality Strategy (2025-2029) provided at Appendix 1 be approved.

76. HOUSING POLICY AND STRATEGY: HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY (2025-2030); TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION POLICY; AND RENT SETTING POLICY

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 59 – 100 of the agenda reports pack), which sought approval for the Homelessness and Rought Sleeping Strategy (2025-2030), the Temporary Accommodation Policy, and the Rent Setting Policy.

It was moved by Councillor G A Boulter, seconded by Councillor K J Loydall, and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- i) The Homelessness and Rought Sleeping Strategy (2025-2030) be approved;**
- ii) The Temporary Accommodation Policy be approved; and**
- iii) The Rent Setting Policy be approved.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.20 pm