

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD AT CIVIC SUITE, BROCKS HILL
COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY, LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON TUESDAY, 15
JULY 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT

J K Chohan Mayor



Meeting ID: 2898

COUNCILLORS

R H Adams
N Alam 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
H E Darling
J K Ford Deputy Leader of the Opposition
D A Gamble
C S Gore
S Z Haq Leader of the Council
P Joshi
R V Joshi
C D Kozlowski
K J Loydall
C J R Martin
I K Ridley

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S J Ball Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Monitoring Officer (Solicitor)
Z Bradford Safety & Resilience Officer
A E Court Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service
S Wheeliker Senior Democratic & Electoral Services Officer

13. CALLING TO ORDER OF THE MEETING

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

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors M L Darr, F S Ghattoraya, G G Hunt, J Kaufman, R E R Morris and C A M Walter.

It was moved by Councillor S Z Haq, seconded by Councillor L A Bentley, and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

Councillor R H Adams be appointed as the acting Deputy Mayor for the duration of the meeting.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

16. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

17a. 15 APRIL 2025

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 April 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.

17b. 13 MAY 2025

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 May 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.

18. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no Action List(s) arising from the previous meeting(s).

19. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

19a. ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE SEATS

The Council gave consideration to the Motion on Notice (as set out at page 12 of the agenda reports pack) regarding the allocation of committee seats.

The Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Monitoring Officer advised that this motion was based on a different interpretation of the legislation than was currently used by this Council and that both interpretations of the legislation were valid.

It was moved by Councillor M H Charlesworth, seconded by Councillor C S Gore, and

REJECTED THAT:

- i) The Council applies the current legislation according to this interpretation ensuring all Members play a full and active role within Council; and**
- ii) The Council's constitution be amended to reflect this interpretation of the legislation.**

For 7
Against 13
Abstentions 0

It was moved by Councillor S Z Haq, seconded by Councillor L A Bentley, and

RESOLVED THAT:

The motion be brought to the Constitutional Working Group for consideration.

For 13
Against 0
Abstentions 7

19b. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The Council gave consideration to the Motion on Notice (as set out at page 13 of the agenda reports pack) regarding local government reorganisation.

It was moved by Councillor N Alam, seconded by Councillor J K Ford, and

REJECTED THAT:

The motion be amended to remove the following wording: "... because of the failure of successive Conservative and Labour Governments to properly address social services and SEND funding shortfalls."

For 7
Against 11
Abstentions 2

It was moved by Councillor S Z Haq, seconded by Councillor L A Bentley, and

RESOLVED THAT:

The Council instruct its Chief Executive to write to the Prime Minister to set out the Council's position and to communicate this with other local authorities in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

For 14
Against 0
Abstentions 6

20. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

20a. PLANNING COMMITTEE REFORM

The Head of Built Environment, on behalf of the Leader of the Council, provided the response (as set out on page 15 of the agenda reports pack) to the Question on Notice (as set out on page 14 of the agenda reports pack) as posed by Councillor M H Charlesworth in relation to planning committee reform.

Councillor M H Charlesworth asked a supplementary question requesting that Members receive submissions so they could be aware of the technical consultation. The Chief Executive Officer / Head of Paid Service confirmed that Members would receive the submissions.

21. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked everyone for their support of her mayoralty and acknowledged the importance of education for young people's futures and for the country's future, having had an enjoyable time attending the graduation ceremony of University of Leicester students at De Montfort Hall.

Councillor M H Charlesworth requested that the Mayor's webpage be updated as it had some out-of-date information on it. The Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Monitoring Officer confirmed it would be updated.

21a. 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.

22. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader of the Council presented a statement outlining her administration and party's ongoing and steadfast commitment to keeping the borough outside of the city's jurisdiction and maintaining its independence. The Leader of the Council also thanked Officers for their hard work and gave a special thanks to the soon to be retired Monitoring Officer, David Gill, for all his hard work protecting this Council and wished him a happy retirement.

Councillor K J Loydall asked the Leader to also thank on the record the Police Officer's that came to give a briefing to Members prior to the meeting. The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor K J Loydall for the reminder and thanked the Police Officer's for their briefing and all their hard work.

23. HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REVIEW (2025/26)

The Council have consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 17 – 28 of the agenda reports pack), which sought approval for the annual health and safety review for 2024/25.

It was moved by Councillor Boulter, seconded by Councillor Loydall, and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- i) The Full Health and Safety Annual Report (2024/25) (as set out in Appendix 1) be approved; and**
- ii) The HS.001.P1 Health and Safety Policy and Statement (May 2025) (as set out in Appendix 2) be approved.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.05 pm