MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, BUSHLOE HOUSE, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE18 2DR ON TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.02 PM

PRESENT

Mrs R H Adams Mayor

COUNCILLORS

Meeting ID: 2466

N Alam L A Bentley G A Boulter

J W Boyce Leader of the Council

Mrs L M Broadley F S Broadley D M Carter

M H Charlesworth

Mrs H E Darling JP

Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Mrs L Eaton JP F S Ghattoraya

Mrs S Z Haq Deputy Leader of the Council

Mrs H E Loydall K J Loydall D W Loydall

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S J Ball Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer

T Bingham Strategic Director / Section 151 Officer
A E Court Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service

C Eyre Housing Manager P Fisher Strategic Director

D M Gill Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer
T Gwam Interim Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer
T Hatton Head of Customer Service & Transformation

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor M L Darr Councillor D A Gamble

50. CALLING TO ORDER OF THE MEETING

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

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Miss P V Joshi, J Kaufman, Mrs L Kaufman, Ms C D Kozlowski, Mrs S B Morris, R E R Morris and Dr I K Ridley.

Councillors M L Darr and D A Gamble attended the meeting remotely, but in accordance with the provisions in the Local Government Act 1972, were not considered present for the purposes of voting.

Full CouncilTuesday, 15 November 2022, 6.00 pm
Mayor / Deputy
Mayor's Initials

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

53. <u>COST OF LIVING - COUNCIL RESPONSE</u>

The Council gave consideration to the report (as set out at pages 4 - 12 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to approve the financial resources to extend the arrangements already in place to support residents and businesses through the Cost of Living crisis in order to sustain appropriate support to March 2023.

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor K J Loydall and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) The reallocation of £80,000 of General Fund reserves previously earmarked as a "Wellbeing Reserve" and £30,000 of a £140,000 HRA reserve previously earmarked as "Universal Credit HRA Reserve" for the purpose of providing support to residents and business through the Cost of Living crisis be approved;
- (ii) Delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director / Section 151
 Officer to distribute such funds within maximum levels as outlined in the report;
- (iii) Any amounts that remain unspent at 31 March 2023 be returned to general fund and HRA general reserves, subject to a further report being presented; and
- (iv) Parking charges for all Council car parks be suspended every Saturday and Sunday between 1 December and 31 December 2022 (inclusive).

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.09 pm

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