

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD AT CIVIC SUITE, BROCKS HILL COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY, LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.05 PM**

**PRESENT**

R H Adams                      Mayor  
C D Kozlowski                Deputy Mayor



**Meeting ID: 2614**

**COUNCILLORS**

N Alam                              Deputy 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  
J K Chohan                      Deputy Mayor  
M L Darr  
J K Ford  
F S Ghattoraya  
S Z Haq                              Leader of the Council  
G G Hunt  
P Joshi  
R V Joshi  
J Kaufman  
K J Loydall  
C J R Martin  
I K Ridley  
C A M Walter

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

S J Ball                              Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer  
D M Gill                            Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer  
S Khan                              Interim Strategic Director  
A Thorpe                            Head of Built Environment

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

M Brown                            Exi Group

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

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

**74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillors H E Darling, D A Gamble, C S Gore and R E R Morris.

**75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**76. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 February 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.**

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

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.

**78. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

None.

**79. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS**

None.

**80. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

**80a. 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.**

**81. LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Leader of the Council presented a statement outlining her recent work and the meetings she attended, the administration's plans and an overview of recent decisions taken since the previous meeting of the Council.

**82. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER / SECTION 151 OFFICER**

The Council gave consideration to the report (as set out at pages 16 - 18 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to approve the appointment of a Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer.

**It was moved by Deputy Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor P Joshi and**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) **The appointment of Colleen Warren as the Council's Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer be confirmed with effect from 1 July 2024; and**
- (ii) **The Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer arrange for the Constitution to be reviewed and amended as appropriate.**

**83. OFLOG SELF-ASSESSMENT AGAINST THE BEST VALUE STANDARDS**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 19 - 36 of the agenda reports pack) which provided the Council with the results from the OFLOG self-assessment undertaken against the Best Value Standards.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**The content of the report and appendix be noted.**

**84. SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES (2024/25)**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 37 - 46 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to consider and adopt a Members' Allowance Scheme for the municipal year 2024/25.

**It was moved by the Deputy Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor C J R Martin and**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**The Council adopt the Scheme of Member's Allowances for 2024/25 as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) set out in paragraph 1 of the report (Appendix 1) save for the Basic Allowance which is not to be increased and to remain at £4,750 for 2024/25.**

**85. DRAFT SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL AND ALLIED MEETINGS (2024/25)**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 47 - 69 of the agenda reports pack) which asked Members to recommend the draft Schedule for approval at the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 14 May 2024.

**It was moved by Councillor G A Boulter, seconded by Councillor G G Hunt and**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) **The draft Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings for 2024/25 (as set out at Appendix 1 and 2 to this report) be recommended to Full Council for approval and adoption at its AGM scheduled on Tuesday, 14 May 2024;**
- (ii) **The draft Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings for 2024/25 (as may be recommended) be circulated to all Members and Officers ahead of the AGM; and**
- (iii) **The proposed dates, times and venues of meetings for 2024/25 be provisionally entered onto the Council's meeting management application accordingly.**

**86. AMENDMENT TO MATTERS RESERVED TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

The Council gave consideration to the report (as set out at pages 70 - 72 of the agenda reports pack) which asked for approval to amend the list of matters reserved to the Development Control Committee for decision.

**It was moved by Councillor L M Broadley, seconded by Councillor J Kaufman and**

**RESOLVED THAT:**

**The additional reserved matter (as set out in paragraph 1.8 of the report) be approved and the Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the consequential amendments to the Constitution accordingly.**

<b>Votes For</b>	21
<b>Votes Against</b>	0
<b>Abstentions</b>	1

**87. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**By general 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(s) 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.**

**88. LAND AT HORSEWELL LANE, WIGSTON (EXEMPT)**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 73 - 111 of the private agenda reports pack and pages 2-4 of the private agenda update pack) which asked it to note the information provided in the exempt report at recommendation A and approve recommendations B and C.

**It was moved by Leader of the Council, seconded by the Deputy Leader of the Council and**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) Recommendation A be noted;**
- (ii) Recommendation B be approved; and**
- (iii) Recommendation C be approved.**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.36 pm**