

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD AT CIVIC SUITE, BROCKS HILL COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY, LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

C D Kozlowski Mayor
R H Adams Deputy Mayor (Acting)



Meeting ID: 2731

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
H E Darling
M L Darr
F S Ghattoraya
C S Gore Leader of the Opposition
S Z Haq Leader of the Council
P Joshi
R V Joshi
J Kaufman
K J Loydall
C J R Martin

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S J Ball Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer
A E Court Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service
D M Gill Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer
T Neal Strategic Director
C Warren Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer

35. CALLING TO ORDER OF THE MEETING

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

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from the Deputy Mayor and Councillors J K Ford, I K Ridley, R E R Morris, C A M Walter.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

Councillor R H Adams Councillor deputise for and in the absence of the Deputy Mayor for the duration of this meeting only

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M H Charlesworth declared a pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 7a insofar the Council-provided allotment on Aylestone Lane, Wigston.

Councillor C J R Martin declared a pecuniary interest in relation to agenda items 10 and 11 insofar as a Council-rented house and garage.

38. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 September 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.

39. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.

40. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None.

41. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

41a. ALLOTMENTS COMPUTER SOFTWARE LICENCE

The Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer, on behalf of the Leader of the Council, provided the response (as set out on page 9 of the agenda reports pack) to the Question on Notice (as set out on page 8 of the agenda reports pack) as posed by Councillor M H Charlesworth in relation the allotments computer software licence.

A supplementary question was asked by Councillor M H Charlesworth which sought an assurance that a more cost-effective solution be explored and implemented, to which Officers responded they would review the position accordingly.

42. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

42a. 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.

43. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader of the Council presented a statement outlining her recent work and meetings she has attended, the administration's plans and an overview of recent decisions taken since the previous meeting of the Council, together with fielding questions in relation to her statement.

44. 2025/26 DRAFT REVENUE BUDGETS, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND 2025/26 - 2029/30 DRAFT CAPITAL PROGRAMMES

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor C R J Martin left the meeting and took no part in the debate on the agenda item and voting thereon.

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 3 – 10 of the agenda update reports pack), which provided Members the draft General Fund Annual Budget for 2025/26, an updated MTFP for 2025/26 to 2029/30, an update on the capital programme for 2025/26 and HRA Annual Budget for 2025/26.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The contents of the report and appendices be noted.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

An increase in housing rents, service charges and garage rents by the maximum social rent level of 2.7% be recommended to the next Full Council.

For 12
Against 6
Abstentions 1

45. COMPLIMENTS, COMMENTS & COMPLAINTS POLICY (DECEMBER 2024)

Having declared a pecuniary interest, Councillor C R J Martin remained outside the meeting and took no part in the debate on the agenda item and voting thereon.

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 13 – 35 of the agenda reports pack), which sought Members' approval for the updated Compliments, Comments and Complaints Policy including a chapter that specifically focused on the handling and management of Housing Complaints as required by the Social Housing Regulator.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) The updated Compliments, Comments and Complaints Policy including the chapter on handling and managing housing complaints be approved; and**
- (ii) Councillor G A Boulter be appointed as the Member Representative for Housing Complaints (MRC) with Councillor F S Broadley substituting as of when necessary.**

46. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS FOR THE COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLBEING GROUP

Councillor C R J Martin returned to the meeting at 7:28 pm.

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 36 – 47 of the agenda reports pack), which sought agreement for the appointment of two additional Councillors to become members of the Community Health and Wellbeing Group.

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

Councillor J Kaufman and Councillor R V Joshi be appointed as the two additional Councillors to sit on the Community Health and Wellbeing Partnership Group.

47. REVIEW OF DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACE FOR POLLING DISTRICTS N1 & N2 (WIGSTON ALL SAINTS)

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 48 – 54 of the agenda reports pack), which as it to approve an alternative designation being proposed by the (Acting) Returning Officer in respect of the polling place to be used at future elections and referenda that take place within the Borough of Oadby and Wigston for Polling Districts N1 and N2 only.

It was moved by the Deputy Leader of the Council, seconded Councillor M H Charlesworth

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) The content of the report and appendices be noted; and**
- (ii) The Council approves the re-designation of Little Hill Primary School on Launceston Road, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 2GZ for electors residing in Polling Districts N1 and N2.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.39 pm