

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD AT CIVIC SUITE, BROCKS HILL COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY, LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT

C D Kozlowski Mayor
J K Chohan Deputy Mayor



Meeting ID: 2866

COUNCILLORS

R H Adams
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
D A Gamble
S Z Haq Leader of the Council
R V Joshi
J Kaufman
K J Loydall
C J R Martin
R E R Morris
I K Ridley
C A M Walter

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

48. CALLING TO ORDER OF THE MEETING

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

49. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

51. ENGLISH DEVOLUTION WHITE PAPER UPDATE (FEBRUARY 2025)

The Council gave consideration to the report (as set out at pages 4 – 6 of the agenda

reports pack), which advised Members of the content of the Government's recent Devolution White Paper and to seek approval to commence such work as is considered necessary in response.

Councillors L M Broadley and F S Broadley entered the Civic Suite at 6:42 pm.

Councillor S S Athwal entered the Civic Suite at 6:47 pm.

It was moved by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, seconded by R V Joshi and

DEFEATED THAT:

- (i) The Council authorises, the Leader of the council, in liaison with the Chief Executive and "Opposition Leaders", to undertake work as is considered necessary "agreed by members" in response to White Paper and subsequent approach from government.**
- (ii) The Council authorises the Section 151 officer to set aside £50,000 from reserves to fund any necessary legal and governance advice on framing any specific proposals once "agreed by members".**

For 3
Against 13
Abstentions 2

It was moved by Councillor I K Ridley, seconded by the Deputy Leader of the Council and

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) The Council authorises the Leader of the Council, in liaison with the Chief Executive, to undertake such work as is considered necessary in response to the White Paper and subsequent approach from government; and**
- (ii) The Council authorises the Section 151 Officer to set aside £50,000.00 from the reserves to fund any necessary legal and governance advice on framing any specific proposals.**

For 13
Against 3
Abstentions 2

Councillors F S Broadley, L M Broadley and SS Athwal did not vote on the motion(s) above as they were not present in the Civic Suite during the entire debate.

52. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The press and public were 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 items below on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exempt items outweighed

the public interest in disclosing the information.

53. RESOLUTION TO EXTEND SIX-MONTH MEETING ATTENDANCE RULE (EXEMPT)

The Council gave consideration to the exempt report (as set out at pages 7 – 9 of the agenda reports pack), to obtain a resolution to extend the six-month meeting attendance rule in respect of Councillor Gary G Hunt.

It was moved by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, seconded by and H E Darling and

DEFEATED THAT:

That Council resolves, in accordance with Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, to approve the non-attendance of Councillor Gary Hunt at meetings initially until Thursday 14 August 2025 “without allowances” and that the Council’s best wishes be conveyed to him.

For 3
Against 18
Abstentions 0

It was moved by the Deputy Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor G A Boulter and

RESOLVED THAT:

The Council resolves, in accordance with Section 85(1) of the LG Act 1972, to approve the non-attendance of Councillor Gary G Hunt at meeting initially until Thursday 14th August 2025 and that the Council's best wishes are conveyed to him.

For 18
Against 3
Abstentions 0

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.50 pm