

**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
APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT

C D Kozlowski	Mayor
J K Chohan	Deputy Mayor



Meeting ID: 2755

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	
J K Ford	Deputy Leader of the Opposition
F S Ghattoraya	
C S Gore	
S Z Haq	Leader of the Council
P Joshi	
R V Joshi	
J Kaufman	
K J Loydall	
C J R Martin	
I K Ridley	
C A M Walter	Deputy Mayor

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S J Ball	Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Monitoring Officer
A E Court	Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service
D M Gill	Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer
J Wells	Senior Strategic Development Manager

72. CALLING TO ORDER OF THE MEETING

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

A minute's silence was observed in memory of the late former Mayor and Councillor Roy Rudham who passed away on 31 March 2025.

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors M L Darr, H E Darling, D A Gamble, G G Hunt and R E R Morris.

74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor K J Loydall declared a non-pecuniary interest relating to agenda item 15 insofar

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as he was acquainted with Laurence Faulkner, one of the Independent Persons.

75. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Deputy Leader of the Opposition noted that in relation to minute item 69, the number of votes against the motion(s) was 5 against as opposed to 5 abstentions, and that requested that the minute be amended accordingly.

Councillor C J R Martin made a personal statement apologising for and retracting certain comments he made at the previous meeting held on 20 February 2025.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 February 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and approved (as amended).

76. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.

77. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None.

78. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

None.

79. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

79a. 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.

80. 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, and successes achieved, together with fielding questions in relation to her statement.

Councillors P Joshi and R V Joshi entered the Civic Suite at 7:14 pm.

81. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER RENEWAL

Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 15 – 43 of the agenda reports pack), which sought approval for the Public Space Protection Order Renewal 2025.

It was moved by Councillor I K Ridley, seconded by Councillor G A Boulter and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Public Space Protection Order (Regulation of Dogs) 2025 (as set out at Appendix 1 to this report) be approved.

82. DRAFT SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL AND ALLIED MEETINGS (2025/26)

Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 44 -67 of the agenda reports pack), which sought recommendation for the draft Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings (2025/26) to Full Council for approval and adoption at its AGM.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- i) **That the draft Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings for 2025/26 (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 13 May 2025;**
- ii) **That the draft Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings for 2025/26 (as may be recommended) be circulated to all Members and Officers ahead of the AGM; and**
- iii) **That the proposed dates, times and venues of meetings for 2025/26 be provisionally entered onto the Council's meeting management application accordingly.**

83. SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES (2025/26)

Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 68 – 78 of the agenda reports pack), which sought approval and adoption of the Scheme of Members' Allowances 2025/26.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Council adopt the Scheme of Member's Allowances for 2025/26 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 2025/26.

84. THE REDESIGNATION OF THE POST OF MONITORING OFFICER DUE TO RETIREMENT AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW MONITORING OFFICER

Council gave consideration to the report (as set out at pages 79 - 81 of the agenda reports

pack), which sought approval for the redesignation of the Monitoring Officer post.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- i) The post of the Council's Monitoring Officer be redesignated to the post of Legal and Democratic Services Manager; and**
- ii) Following the interview of Samuel Ball, Legal and Democratic Services Manager, he be appointed as the Council's Monitoring Officer as of 1 June 2025 for the reasons set out in this report.**

85. UPDATE TO THE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION - CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 82 – 143 of the agenda reports pack), which sought approval for an update to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The updated Contract Procedure Rules attached at Appendix 1 be approved and the Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution.

86. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 144 – 147 of the agenda reports pack), which sought approval for the appointment of Independent Persons to a Panel of Independent Persons.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

The Independent Persons listed in paragraph 2.2 be re-appointed and the new Independent Persons listed in paragraph 2.3 of the report be appointed for a term of office of four years commencing on 13 May 2025 until the Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 2029.

For	20
Against	0
Abstentions	1

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.46 pm