

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD AT COUNCIL OFFICES,  
BUSHLOE HOUSE, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE18 2DR ON  
TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2023 COMMENCING AT 7.02 PM**

**PRESENT**

R H Adams	Mayor
D M Carter	Vice-Chair, Acting



Meeting ID: 2310

**COUNCILLORS**

N Alam	
L A Bentley	Deputy Leader of the Council
G A Boulter	
J W Boyce	Leader of the Council (Outgoing)
M H Charlesworth	
H E Darling	Deputy Leader of the Opposition
M L Darr	
L Eaton JP	
F S Ghattoraya	
S Z Haq	Leader of the Council (Incoming)
P Joshi	Leader of the Opposition
J Kaufman	
L Kaufman	
C D Kozlowski	
H E Loydall	
K J Loydall	
D W Loydall	
S B Morris	

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

S J Ball	Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer
T Bingham	Strategic Director / Section 151 Officer
B Bull	Head of Finance / Deputy Section 151 Officer
A E Court	Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service
P Fisher	Strategic Director
D M Gill	Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer
T Hatton	Head of Customer Service & Transformation
A Thorpe	Head of Built Environment

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

P Harvey	Grant Thornton UK LLP
G Patterson	Grant Thornton UK LLP

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

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

**93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor F S Broadley, L M Broadley, D A Gamble, R E R Morris and I K Ridley.

**Full Council**  
Tuesday, 18 April 2023, 7.00 pm

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By affirmation of the meeting, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**Councillor D M Carter deputise for and in the absence of the Deputy Mayor for the duration of this meeting only.**

**94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors K J Loydall and L Eaton declared a non-pecuniary interest in respect of item 12 of the agenda insofar as they were acquainted with two members of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).

**95. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 February 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.**

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

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.

**97. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

None.

**98. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS**

None.

**99. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**99a. 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.**

**100. LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The outgoing Leader of the Council presented a statement outlining his recent work, the administration's plans and an overview of recent decisions taken since the previous meeting of the Council, in addition to fielding questions from Members.

He reflected on his time in office, the Council's achievements under his tenure, and the changing political and financial landscape local authorities faced. He expressed his gratitude to Members and Officers, past and present, and reiterated that his decision to

step down was due to personal reasons. He wished all candidates standing at upcoming local elections to the Council on 4 May 2023 the best of luck.

Members put on record their gratitude to the outgoing Leader. Councillor H E Loydall wished it to be minuted that the Leader of the Opposition or any other Opposition Member present did not make an appropriate statement to acknowledge the outgoing Leader.

#### **101. APPOINTMENT OF NEW LEADER**

The outgoing Leader formally tendered his resignation as Leader of the Council with immediate effect.

It was moved by Councillor G A Boulter, seconded by Councillor M L Darr and

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

**In accordance with Article 2.9.2 of Part 2 and Paragraph 1.1.3, Section 3 of Part 3 of Council's Constitution, Councillor S Z Haq be appointed the new Leader of the Council.**

<b>Votes For</b>	20
<b>Votes Against</b>	0
<b>Abstentions</b>	4

The newly-appointed Leader of the Council addressed the meeting, thanked the outgoing Leader and set out her administration's aspirations for the Borough.

#### **102. AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (2020/21 AND 2021/22)**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 16 - 46 of the agenda reports pack) which presented to the Council the External Auditor's Annual Report for 2020/21 and 2021/22 as introduced by the Chair of the Audit Committee, Councillor K J Loydall, and presented by the External Auditor(s).

It was moved by Councillor K J Loydall, and seconded by Councillor M H Charlesworth and

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

**The Auditor's Annual Report for 2020/21 and 2021/22 (as set out at Appendix 1 to the report) be noted.**

#### **103. SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES (2023/24)**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 47 - 57 of the agenda reports pack) which asked the Council to consider and adopt a Members' Allowance Scheme for the municipal year 2023/24 upon the considerations and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).

It was moved by Councillor M H Charlesworth, seconded by Councillor G A Boulter and

#### **RESOLVED THAT:**

**The Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2023/24 as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) set out in paragraph 1 of the report**

**(Appendix 1) be adopted.**

<b>Votes For</b>	20
<b>Votes Against</b>	0
<b>Abstentions</b>	4

**104. HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT (2022/23)**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 58 - 72 of the agenda reports pack) which asked the Council to approve the Full Health and Safety Annual Report for 2022/23 and the revised Health and HS.00.P1 Health and Safety Policy and Statement.

Members were advised that in relation to the access road to The Depot off Wigston Road in Oadby, sufficient signage has been erected to safeguard pedestrian safety.

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The Full Health and Safety Annual Report (2022/23) (as set out in Appendix 1 of the report) be approved; and**
- (ii) The HS.00.P1 Health and Safety Policy and Statement (April 2023) (as set out in Appendix 2 of the report) be approved.**

**105. DRAFT SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL AND ALLIED MEETINGS (2023/24)**

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 73 - 100 of the agenda reports pack) which sought Members' recommendation of the draft Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings ("the draft Schedule") for the municipal year 2023/24 to Full Council for approval and adoption at its Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Members were advised that pre-agenda meetings with the Chair and Vice-Chair in relation to the Development Control Committee would be scheduled into the draft Schedule prior its approval at the AGM.

It was moved by Councillor L A Bentley, seconded by the Leader of the Council and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The draft Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings for 2023/24 (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 Thursday 18 May 2023;**
- (ii) The contents of the draft Members' Induction Programme (May/June 2023) (as summarised separately and set out at Appendix 3 to this report) be noted;**
- (iii) The draft Schedule of Council and Allied Meetings for 2023/24 (as may be recommended) be circulated to all Members and Officers ahead of the AGM; and**
- (iv) The proposed dates, times and venues of meetings for 2023/24 be provisionally entered onto the Council's meeting management application accordingly.**

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.02 pm**