



Leicester
City Council

At a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL held at the Town Hall at FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon on Thursday, 22 JUNE 2023 duly convened for the business hereunder mentioned.

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BUSINESS

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1. **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES 2023-24 MUNICIPAL YEAR**
4. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

PRESENT:

DOCTOR SUSAN BARTON, LORD MAYOR
CHAIRMAN

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

Abbey Ward

NAGS AGATH

Aylestone Ward

SCOTT KENNEDY LOUNT
NIGEL CARL PORTER

Beaumont Leys Ward

HEMANT RAE BHATIA
HAZEL ORTON
PAUL THOMAS WESTLEY

Belgrave Ward

SHITAL ADATIA
JAIANTILAL GOPAL

Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields

SUE BARTON
ELAINE HALFORD
KULWINDER SINGH JOHAL

Castle Ward

MICK GREGG
PATRICK JOSEPH KITTERICK
LIZ SAHU

Evington Ward

DEEPAK BAJAJ
ZUFFAR HAQ
JENNY JOANNOU

Eyres Monsell Ward

ELAINE PANTLING
KAREN PICKERING

North Evington Ward

DILIP JOSHI
RAVI MAHESH
SANJAY MODHWADIA

Rushey Mead Ward

BHUPEN DAVE
GEETA KARAVADRA
DEVI SINGH PATEL

Saffron Ward

TED CASSIDY
ELLY CUTKELVIN

Spinney Hills Ward

MISBAH BATOOL
MUSTAFA MALIK

Stoneygate Ward

RAFIQ MOHAMMED
MANJULA SOOD

Thurncourt Ward

ABDUL OSMAN

Troon Ward

DIANE CANK
MOHINDER SINGH SANGHA

Westcotes Ward

ADAM CLARKE
SARAH RUSSELL

Fosse Ward

SUE WADDINGTON
SYED ZAMAN

Humberstone and Hamilton Ward

STEPHEN BONHAM
ASHIEDU JOEL
MANJIT KAUR SAINI

Knighton Ward

MELLISA MARCH
DR LYNN MOORE
GEOFF WHITTLE

Western Ward

GEORGE COLE
VI DEMPSTER
MOLLY O'NEIL

Wycliffe Ward

HANIF AQBANY
MOHAMMED DAWOOD

12. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord Mayor's Charity

The Lord Mayor informed Council that she had chosen Charity Link as her charity for the mayoral year. Proceeds from events over the year would go towards the charity. The Lord Mayor noted the charity was about giving people the chance to succeed in life and provided people with more immediate help with day to day issues such as providing school uniforms.

Windrush Anniversary

The Lord Mayor noted that it was the 75th anniversary of the Empire Windrush coming to the United Kingdom. She paid tribute to the contribution that people who were part of this generation had made to the wider Leicester community.

Former County Councillor Jim Roberts

The Lord Mayor informed Council of the sad passing of her friend and colleague, former County Councillor Jim Roberts. Jim had also been the Chair of the Leicester Children's Holiday Home and the Leicester Museum Trust and had therefore given great service to the City.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Lord Mayor invited Members to declare any interests they might have in the business to be discussed.

There were no declarations.

14. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEES 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Lord Mayor introduced this item relating to the establishment of Scrutiny Committees. She reminded members to follow the rules of debate, particularly in terms of timing of speeches and good conduct during debate.

Moved by Councillor Deepak Bajaj and seconded by Councillor Patrick Kitterick:

That Council be recommended to consider proposals submitted on behalf of the Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Green Group Members which are as follows:

- a) Agree the establishment of seven Scrutiny Commissions divided into the subject themes as per Appendix A of the report
- b) Agree the overall size of those Committees in accordance with the table in Appendix A
- c) Agree that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs (as appropriate) of the bodies listed in Appendix A be appointed according to the Council's overall political balance (57% Labour; 31% Conservative; 6% Liberal Democrat; 6% Green)
- d) Agree that the Overview, Executive Office and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee and the Neighbourhoods, Equalities, Heritage & Culture Scrutiny Commission comprise two Vice Chairs each
- e) Note that the remaining places will be filled in accordance with relevant legal

procedures and in consultation with the relevant Members, but broadly in line with the political balance indicated in the table in Appendix A

- f) Note that the Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Commissions be finalised, where needed, at the Council meeting on 6th July 2023
- g) Note that any other matters regarding the establishment of the Council's Committee's not addressed above be deferred to the Council meeting on 6th July 2023.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Elaine Halford and seconded by Councillor Elaine Pantling:

Council are recommended to:

- a) Agree the establishment of seven Scrutiny Commissions divided into the subject themes as ~~Appendix A attached~~ *set out overleaf in Appendix B (and attached to these minutes)*.
- b) Agree the overall size of each of those Committees to ~~be 8 in accordance with the table in Appendix A attached~~
- c) Agree that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the bodies listed in *the amended Scrutiny structure be appointed as per the details overleaf (and attached to these minutes)*. ~~Appendix A be apportioned according to the Council's overall political balance (57% Labour; 31% Conservative; 6% Liberal Democrat; 6% Green)~~
- d) Agree that *all scrutiny commissions have one Vice Chair*. ~~the Overview, Executive Office and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee and the Neighbourhoods, Equalities, Heritage & Culture Scrutiny Commission comprise two Vice Chairs each.~~
- e) Note that the remaining places will be filled in accordance with relevant legal procedures and in consultation with the relevant Members, but broadly in line with the political balance requirements. ~~indicated in the table in Appendix A~~
- f) Note that the Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Commissions be finalised, where needed, at the Council meeting on 6th July 2023
- g) Note that any other matters regarding the establishment of the Council's Committees not addressed above be deferred to the Council meeting on 6th July 2023

Council adjourned for 15 minutes to consider the amendment proposal.

Following the debate, the Lord Mayor put the amendment to a vote.

The Lord Mayor declared that the amendment was carried.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Patrick Kitterick and seconded by Councillor Nigel Porter:

That the overall size of each Scrutiny Committee be 8, with the exception of the Overview Select Committee which shall comprise 11 members.

Following the debate, the Lord Mayor put the amendment to a vote.

The Lord Mayor declared that the amendment was lost.

AMENDMENT

Moved by Councillor Porter and seconded by Councillor Deepak Bajaj:

That a City Mayor's questions board be established where the City Mayor and Executive team were present for an hour prior to Overview Select Committee meetings to answer questions from residents and members.

The City Mayor confirmed he was happy to look into how this could work best and undertook to develop some proposals. Therefore, Councillor Porter agreed to withdraw his amendment.

Following a debate, the Lord Mayor put the original, amended motion to a vote.

Council are recommended to:

- a) Agree the establishment of seven Scrutiny Commissions divided into the subject themes as set out overleaf in Appendix B (and attached to these minutes).
- b) Agree the overall size of each of those Committees to be 8.
- c) Agree that the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the bodies listed in the amended Scrutiny structure be appointed as per the details overleaf (and attached to these minutes).
- d) Agree that all scrutiny commissions have one Vice Chair.
- e) Note that the remaining places will be filled in accordance with relevant legal procedures and in consultation with the relevant Members, but broadly in line with the political balance requirements.
- f) Note that the Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Commissions be finalised, where needed, at the Council meeting on 6th July 2023
- g) Note that any other matters regarding the establishment of the Council's Committees not addressed above be deferred to the Council meeting on 6th July 2023

The Lord Mayor declared that the original, amended motion was carried.

15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no other business, the Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Amended Scrutiny Structure 2023/24

Name of Scrutiny Body	Chair	Vice Chair
Overview Select Committee – <i>to include Corporate Equalities and customer services</i>	Cllr Cassidy	Cllr Cank
Adult Social Care	Cllr March	Cllr Surti
Children, Young People and Education	Cllr Batool	Cllr Cole
Economic Development, Transport and Climate Emergency	Cllr Waddington	Cllr O’Neill
Public Health and Health Integration	Cllr Whittle	Cllr Bonham
Culture and Neighbourhoods	Cllr Dawood	Cllr Mohammed
Housing	Cllr Joel	Cllr Zaman

