

Democratic and Civic Support City Hall 115 Charles Street Leicester LE1 1FZ

15 February 2022

Sir or Madam

I hereby summon you to a SPECIAL meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL to be held in the Attenborough Hall in City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, on WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2022 at FOUR FIFTY in the afternoon, for the business hereunder mentioned.

Kamal Adaha

Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

PLEASE NOTE; DUE TO THE NEED TO HOLD A COVID SAFE MEETING AWAY FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO WEBCAST THIS MEETING

- 1. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 3. HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY

Information for members of the public

Attending meetings and access to information

You have the right to attend formal meetings such as full Council, committee meetings, and Scrutiny Commissions and see copies of agendas and minutes.

However, on occasion, meetings may, for reasons set out in law, need to consider some items in private.

Due to COVID restrictions, public access in person is limited to ensure social distancing. Please contact the Democratic Support Officer in advance of the meeting regarding arrangements for public attendance. A guide to attending public meetings can be found here: https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/decisions-meetings-and-minutes/public-attendance-at-council-meetings-during-covid-19/

Dates of meetings and copies of public agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website at www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk, or by contacting us using the details below.

To hold this meeting in as Covid-safe a way as possible, all attendees are asked to follow current Government guidance and:

- maintain distancing while entering and leaving the room/building;
- remain seated and maintain distancing between seats during the meeting;
- wear face coverings throughout the meeting unless speaking or exempt;
- make use of the hand sanitiser available;
- when moving about the building to follow signs about traffic flows, lift capacities etc;
- comply with Test and Trace requirements by scanning the QR code at the entrance to the building and/or giving their name and contact details at reception prior to the meeting;
- if you are displaying Coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, you should NOT attend the meeting, please stay at home, and get a PCR test.

Separate guidance on attending the meeting is available for officers. Officers attending the meeting are asked to contact the Democratic Support Officer in advance to confirm their arrangements for attendance.

Making meetings accessible to all

<u>Wheelchair access</u> – Public meeting rooms at the City Hall are accessible to wheelchair users. Wheelchair access to City Hall is from the middle entrance door on Charles Street - press the plate on the right hand side of the door to open the door automatically.

<u>Braille/audio tape/translation</u> - If you require this please contact the Democratic Support Officer (production times will depend upon equipment/facility availability).

<u>Induction loops</u> - There are induction loop facilities in City Hall meeting rooms. Please speak to the Democratic Support Officer using the details below.

<u>Filming and Recording the Meeting</u> - The Council is committed to transparency and supports efforts to record and share reports of proceedings of public meetings through a variety of means, including social media. In accordance with government regulations and the Council's policy, persons and press attending any meeting of the Council open to the public (except Licensing Sub Committees and where the public have been formally excluded) are allowed to

record and/or report all or part of that meeting. Details of the Council's policy are available at www.leicester.gov.uk or from Democratic Support.

If you intend to film or make an audio recording of a meeting you are asked to notify the relevant Democratic Support Officer in advance of the meeting to ensure that participants can be notified in advance and consideration given to practicalities such as allocating appropriate space in the public gallery etc..

The aim of the Regulations and of the Council's policy is to encourage public interest and engagement so in recording or reporting on proceedings members of the public are asked:

- ✓ to respect the right of others to view and hear debates without interruption;
- √ to ensure that the sound on any device is fully muted and intrusive lighting avoided;
- √ where filming, to only focus on those people actively participating in the meeting;
- ✓ where filming, to (via the Chair of the meeting) ensure that those present are aware
 that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed.

Further information

If you have any queries about any of the above or the business to be discussed, please contact:

Matthew Reeves, Democratic and Civic Support Manager on 0116 4546352. Alternatively, email matthew.reeves@leicester.gov.uk.

For Press Enquiries - please phone the Communications Unit on 0116 454 4151