



Leicester
City Council

Democratic and Civic
Support
City Hall
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21 September 2022

Sir or Madam

I hereby summon you to a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL to be held at the Town Hall, on THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2022 at FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon, for the business hereunder mentioned.

Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

AUDIO STREAM OF MEETING

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCddTWo00_gs0cp-301XDbX

- 1. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2022 are available to view at:
[Agenda for Council on Thursday, 7 July 2022, 5:00 pm \(leicester.gov.uk\)](#)

Copies are also available from Democratic Support on (0116) 454 6350 or
committees@leicester.gov.uk

4. STATEMENTS BY THE CITY MAYOR/EXECUTIVE

5. PETITIONS

- Presented by Members of the Public
- Presented by Councillors
- Petitions to be debated

6. QUESTIONS

- From Members of the Public
- From Councillors

7. MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

- a) **SELECTIVE LICENSING ORDER 1A** **Appendix A**
- b) **CITY OF LEICESTER AWARDS** **Appendix B**
- c) **ARMED FORCES COVENANT UPDATE** **Appendix C**

8. REPORTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

- a) **CODE OF CONDUCT** **Appendix D**

9. EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

- To note any changes to the Executive
- To vary the composition and fill any vacancies of any Committee of the Council

10. REPORTS OF REGULATORY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

- a) **SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22** **Appendix E**
- b) **AUDIT AND RISK ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22** **Appendix F**

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

Defending the Right to Seek Safety from War and Persecution

Proposed by Assistant City Mayor Councillor Myers, seconded by Deputy City Mayor Councillor Russell:-

“That this Council:

A) notes that:

- (i) Leicester is proud of our history of welcoming people seeking safety in our city;
- (ii) there are significant problems with the UK asylum system that affect people in Leicester, including a record backlog of cases awaiting a decision, a de facto ban on working, and enforced poverty and homelessness;
- (iii) the Nationality and Borders Act does not address these issues, and has instead created a two-tier system, punishing people seeking safety based on the journeys they make;
- (iv) under these laws, people seeking safety will be criminalised and threatened with removal to Rwanda;
- (v) people will be warehoused in large accommodation centres, segregated from communities and denied support;
- (vi) many recognised refugees will receive a temporary and precarious status;
- (vii) over 400 charities and faith groups have signed a national pledge to ‘Fight the ‘Anti-Refugee Laws’.

B) believes that:

- (i) everyone’s claim for asylum should be treated equally and fairly;
- (ii) these are fundamentally ‘anti-refugee’ laws that undermine internationally recognised rights for people fleeing war and persecution to seek safety;
- (iii) these measures will create ever-longer delays in the asylum process, lead to greater poverty and homelessness in Leicester and will undermine people’s ability to rebuild their lives;
- (iv) people seeking safety should be housed as our neighbours and as a part of our communities;
- (v) the UK needs an asylum system that empowers people seeking safety to rebuild their lives and enables communities to welcome them;

- C) resolves to:
- (i) defend the right to seek safety from war and persecution in the UK and sign the national 'Fight the Anti-Refugee Laws' pledge;
 - (ii) call on the UK Government to withdraw the UK-Rwanda agreement, repeal the Nationality and Borders Act, and work with Local Authorities and communities to build a refugee protection system that treats all people with dignity and compassion;
 - (iii) work with local organisations and people with lived experience of the asylum system to identify ways to mitigate the effects of these measures in Leicester;
 - (iv) join the network of cities and towns which promote the inclusion and welfare of people who are fleeing violence and persecution and become a recognised Council of Sanctuary.”

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Information for members of the public

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Further information

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Matthew Reeves, Democratic and Civic Support Manager on 0116 4546352.

Alternatively, email matthew.reeves@leicester.gov.uk or call in at City Hall.

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