



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, 18 MAY 2023 duly convened for the business hereunder mentioned.

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BUSINESS

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1. **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR**
3. **ELECTION OF HIGH BAILIFF**
4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR**
5. **APPOINTMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S SPIRITUAL ADVISER**
6. **THANKS TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR**
7. **ESTABLISHMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS,
REGULATORY AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
8. **NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**
9. **ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**
10. **DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

PRESENT:

GEORGE COLE, LORD MAYOR
CHAIRMAN

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

Abbey Ward

NAGS AGATH
CHARLEIGH BARNES

North Evington Ward

DILIP JOSHI
RAVI MAHESH
SANJAY MODHWADIA

Aylestone Ward

SCOTT KENNEDY LOUNT
NIGEL CARL PORTER

Rushey Mead Ward

BHUPEN DAVE
GEETA KARAVADRA
DEVI SINGH PATEL

Beaumont Leys Ward

HEMANT RAE BHATIA
HAZEL ORTON
PAUL THOMAS WESTLEY

Saffron Ward

TED CASSIDY
ELLY CUTKELVIN

Belgrave Ward

SHITAL ADATIA
YOGESH CHAUHAN
JAIANTILAL GOPAL

Spinney Hills Ward

MISBAH BATOOL
MUSTAFA MALIK

Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields

SUE BARTON
ELAINE HALFORD
KULWINDER SINGH JOHAL

Stoneygate Ward

RAFIQ MOHAMMED
MANJULA SOOD
YASMIN SURTI

Castle Ward

MICK GREGG
PATRICK JOSEPH KITTERICK
LIZ SAHU

Thurncourt Ward

TERESA ALDRED
ABDUL OSMAN

Evington Ward

DEEPAK BAJAJ
ZUFFAR HAQ
JENNY JOANNOU

Troon Ward

DIANE CANK
MOHINDER SINGH SANGHA

Eyres Monsell Ward

ELAINE PANTLING
KAREN PICKERING

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

1. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election of Councillors

The Lord Mayor noted that there had recently been local elections in the City and he asked the Monitoring Officer to report on the matter.

The Monitoring Officer informed Council that elections had been held on 4 May 2023. A full list of election results and the Members so elected had been published. The Monitoring Officer also reported that each Councillor had made the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Monitoring Officer also noted that elections were held on 4 May 2023 for the City Mayor. Full details of the election results and the person so elected had been published. He therefore presented the City Mayor, Sir Peter Soulsby.

The Lord Mayor asked the City Mayor to introduce the newly elected Labour Councillors.

The City Mayor introduced the following new Councillors to the Lord Mayor and Council:

Councillor Stephen Bonham	Humberstone and Hamilton
Councillor Raffiq Mohammed	Stoneygate
Councillor Molly O'Neil	Western
Councillor Mohinder Singh Sangha	Troon
Councillor Manjula Sood	Stoneygate
Councillor Surti	Stoneygate
Councillor Zaman	Fosse

The Lord Mayor asked Councillor Bajaj to introduce the newly elected Conservative Councillors.

Councillor Bajaj introduced the following new Councillors to the Lord Mayor and Council:

Councillor Shiltal Adatia	Belgrave
Councillor Nags Agath	Abbey
Councillor Charleigh Barnes	Abbey
Councillor Yogesh Chauhan	Belgrave
Councillor Bhupen Dave	Rushey Mead
Councillor Jaantilal Gopal	Belgrave
Councillor Jenny Joannou	Evington
Councillor Dilip Joshi	North Evington
Councillor Geeta Karavadra	Rushey Mead
Councillor Ravi Mahesh	North Evington
Councillor Abdul Razak Ozman	Thurncourt

The Lord Mayor asked Councillor Kitterick to introduce the newly elected Green Councillors.

Councillor Kitterick introduced the following new Councillors to the Lord Mayor and Council:

Councillor Mick Gregg
Councillor Liz Sahu

Castle
Castle

The Lord Mayor asked Councillor Porter to introduce the newly elected Liberal Democrat Councillors.

Councillor Porter introduced the following new Councillors to the Lord Mayor and Council:

Councillor Zuffar Iqbal Haq
Councillor Scott Kennedy Lount

Evington
Aylestone

The Lord Mayor passed his warmest congratulations to all newly elected Councillors.

City Mayor

Following a request, the Lord Mayor invited the City Mayor to make a statement regarding the start of the electoral term.

The City Mayor referred to the Council's scrutiny function. He noted that the current system had remained unchanged for 12 years and had not developed in that time. He stated that it was very important that the scrutiny system start as soon as possible, but the structures needed to meet the needs of the Council. He noted that the current scrutiny commissions size would preclude all Liberal Democrat and Green Councillors from taking part, and only enable a single councillor from one of those groups on the Overview Select Committee. He said that he wanted to have discussions with other political groups to ensure full representation and would be writing to all group leaders to arrange this. Therefore, it was not planned to establish scrutiny committees at this meeting.

The City Mayor also referred to the role of the City Mayor, noting that it was entirely legitimate for the Council to have discussions about the Council's governance structures, but undertaken in a reasonable time frame. He noted that this issue couldn't be discussed immediately due to the recent discussions at Council and the relevant six month rule, but he noted it was still a topical issue. He intended that a report be brought to Council at a future meeting, as early as possible to enable a full debate with options for different models in order to inform any future decisions to apply after members had served their current terms.

2. ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

Moved by Councillor Singh-Johal, seconded by the City Mayor and carried:

That Councillor Dr Susan Barton be elected to the Office of the Lord Mayor of the City for the coming year.

Councillor Dr Susan Barton, Lord Mayor of Leicester took the Chair.

3. ELECTION OF HIGH BAILIFF

Moved by the City Mayor, seconded by Councillor Russell and carried:

That Councillor Manjula Sood be elected to the office of High Bailiff for the coming

year.

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

Moved by the City Mayor, seconded by Councillor Russell and carried:

That Councillor George Cole be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor for the coming year.

5. APPOINTMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S SPIRITUAL ADVISER

The Lord Mayor informed Council that she had appointed Reverend Tony Leighton, Master of Wyggestons as her spiritual adviser for the coming year.

6. THANKS TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR

Moved by Councillor Dempster, seconded by the City Mayor and carried:

I'm really pleased to be moving this motion of thanks, not only to Councillor Cole, but also the Lady Mayoress, Denese and the Lord Mayor's daughter and consort, Serenah. This has been a momentous year in terms of the Lord Mayor's Office. We've had in Councillor Cole, the first Black, African Caribbean Councillor as Lord Mayor of this city and that really matters, not only for our Black communities but for all our communities, because it says to us, there may be obstacles in our way, but we can succeed. We have in Councillor Cole, a role model that we all look up to and we can say to ourselves that we can succeed.

What a year that it's been, it started off with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and it ended with introducing the Duke of Edinburgh to volunteers at the African Caribbean Centre. In between, the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress and Consort have been tireless in meeting residents, attending meetings and events, young people, old people, across this city. They've also been fundraising for the Sickle Cell Society and also raising awareness for Prostate Cancer.

I've known Councillor Cole since before he was a Councillor, for over 12 years, so I knew, perhaps I'm biased, I knew his year as Lord Mayor would be a credit to our city. He has ably been supported by Denese and Serenah and they have all exceeded my expectations, and it has been a wonderful year and they have made our city so proud. I really look forward to working with you Councillor Cole, in your ward and as Deputy Lord Mayor. Thank you to George, to Serenah, to Denese on behalf of us all in this chamber and all the residents in this city, thank you very much for all you've done.

7. ESTABLISHMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS, REGULATORY AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Moved by Councillor Halford, seconded by the City Mayor:

I move that the technical resolution regarding the formation of the Regulatory Committees and Health and Wellbeing Board, as printed on the Council Script in italics, be approved.

Technical Resolution – Regulatory and Health and Wellbeing Board

- (i) That the;
Health and Wellbeing Board

Planning and Development Control Committee
Licensing and Public Safety Committee and
Licensing Sub-Committees

all be established in accordance with the existing Terms of Reference the size of each being in accordance with the lists attached at Appendix A to the meeting script (and attached to the minutes at Appendix A) and to note that:

- (a) The size of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee be expanded from 15 places to 16 places.
- (b) The size of the Planning and Development Control Committee be expanded from 10 to 11 places.
- (ii) That the Chairs and Vice-Chairs (as appropriate) of the bodies listed in part (i) above be in accordance with the lists circulated to all Members (and attached to these minutes at Appendix A); and
- (iii) That matters related to the establishment of Scrutiny Committees and any other Council Committees be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of Council to be held on 6 July 2023.

AN AMENDMENT

A friendly amendment was proposed by the City Mayor to (iii) to read:

- (iii) That matters related to the establishment of Scrutiny Committees and any other Council Committees be deferred to the next ordinary meeting of Council to be held on 6 July 2023 *or to an earlier meeting if possible.*

The friendly amendment was accepted by Council.

The amended motion was put to the vote and carried.

8. NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

The City Mayor asked Council to note that he had appointed Councillor Manjula Sood to join the existing members of the Executive. The City Mayor also undertook to report any changes to Executive portfolios on the Council website as soon as possible.

9. ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Moved by Councillor Halford, seconded by the City Mayor and carried:

That the cycle of meetings of the Planning and Development Control, Licensing and Public Safety Committees, Licensing Enforcement Sub-Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board be confirmed as set out in Appendix B to the script and attached to these minutes.

10. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Moved by Councillor Halford, seconded by the City Mayor and carried:

That the Annual Meeting in 2024 be held on 16 May 2024, that Council meet on

Wednesday 21 February 2024 to consider the estimates for 2024/25, and that ordinary meetings of Council be held on the dates indicated on the Council Script, ie:

6 July 2023
28 September 2023
23 November 2023
21 February 2024

11. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 18.35pm.