



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, 21 MARCH 2024 duly convened for the business hereunder mentioned.

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BUSINESS

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AUDIO STREAM OF MEETING

A live audio stream of the meeting can be heard on the following link:
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1. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. STATEMENTS BY THE CITY MAYOR/EXECUTIVE

4. PETITIONS

- Presented by Members of the Public (Mr Sharma two CCTV petitions)
- Presented by Councillors (one from Cllr Dempster or a constituent)
- Petitions to be debated

5. QUESTIONS

- From Members of the Public
- From Councillors

6. MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

- a) A REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES FOR LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL – A REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL
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- a) EXCEPTIONAL HOMELESSNESS PRESSURES ON HOUSING

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a) BIENNIAL REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE JULY 2021-JUNE
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PRESENT:

SUE BARTON, LORD MAYOR
CHAIRMAN

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

Abbey Ward

Nags Agath
Charleigh Barnes
Annette Byrne

Aylestone Ward

Scott-Kennedy-Lount
Nigel Porter

Beaumont Leys Ward

Hazel Orton
Hemant Rae Bhatia
Paul Westley

Belgrave Ward

Shital Adatia
Yogesh Chauhan
Jaiantilal Gopal

Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields Ward

Sue Barton
Elaine Halford
Kulwinder Singh Johal

Castle Ward

Mick Gregg
Patrik 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

Raffiq Moosa Mohammed
Manjula Sood
Yasmin Surti

Thurncourt Ward

Teresa Aldred
Abdul Osman

Troon Ward

Diane Cank
Mohinder Singh Sangha

Westcotes Ward

Adam Clarke
Sarah Russell

Fosse Ward

Susan Waddington
Syed Zaman

Humberstone and Hamilton Ward

Stephen Bonham
Ashiedu Joel
Manjit Kaur Saini

Knighton Ward

Melissa March
Lynn Moore
Geoff Whittle

Western Ward

George Cole
Vi Dempster
Molly O'Neill

Wycliffe Ward

Hanif Aqbany
Mohammed Dawood

63. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Former Alderman and City Councillor Alderman Lynn Senior

The Lord Mayor informed the Council of the sad passing of Alderman Lynn Senior on Sunday, 25 February 2024. Lynn was elected as a City Councillor for Castle Ward at a by-election in September 2009 and served until April 2017, when she stood down due to health issues. To recognize her contribution and commitment to the people of Leicester, she was appointed as an Honorary Alderman in February 2020 but only received her official badge of office at a ceremony at the Town Hall in May 2022, once COVID-19 restrictions had been lifted.

Council Cyber Attack

The Lord Mayor mentioned the Council Cyber Attack on 7 March 2024, during which the council was subjected to a cyber-attack necessitating the disabling of the network. The Digital Data and Technology Team worked round the clock to rectify the situation and ensure full protection of the council when reconnected to the network. Work progressed to install new software on all council devices but highlighted the time it would take to reinstate all of the systems completely. The Lord Mayor thanked the members of the IT team and all council officers who found ways to continue delivering council services as effectively and efficiently as they could under the circumstances.

City of Leicester Awards

The Lord Mayor was delighted to make presentations of three City of Leicester Awards last week at City Hall. The awards recognized achievements that had a positive and wide-reaching impact on the city, where recipients demonstrated outstanding performance in their field. The awards were presented to Geoff Rowe BEM, the founder of the Leicester Comedy Festival, which had been running for 31 years and was the longest-running festival in Europe; the late Pamela Campbell-Morris, who championed health inequalities in the African and African Caribbean Communities, particularly raising awareness of Prostate Cancer; and finally, the Emmanu'EL Apostolic Gospel Academy Choir, formerly known as the DMU Gospel Choir, who performed across the city and county and won the BBC Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year in 2023.

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Lord Mayor invited Members to declare any interests they might have in the business on the agenda not already declared in their register of interests.

There were no relevant declarations.

65. STATEMENTS BY THE CITY MAYOR/EXECUTIVE

The City Mayor addressed the chamber to mark the passing of Lynn Senior, who had been held in high regard throughout the council. Condolences were extended to all those affected.

The City Mayor noted Councillor Clarke's resignation from the executive and acknowledged his diligent service. The City Mayor announced that a decision was forthcoming on Councillor Clarke's replacement.

The City Mayor highlighted the significant cyber incident which had resulted in the shutdown of the council's IT network, where the management of the incident had been undertaken in collaboration with Leicestershire Police and the National Cyber Security Centre. The City Mayor commended the swift action of the council officers in managing the incident and the ongoing recovery efforts.

66. PETITIONS

Petitions from Members of the Public

Mr Sharma presented a petition with 79 valid signatures with the following terms:

"The members of Rushey Fields Residents Association and the residents of Rushey Mead Ward urge the Leicester City Council to install the CCTV camera at the junction of Gipsy Lane with Harrison Road to tackle the increased crime in the area as well as the on-going problem of dog fouling."

Mr Sharma presented a petition with 104 valid signatures with the following terms:

"The members of Rushey Fields Residents Association and residents urges Leicester City Council to have a walking track in Rushey Fields Parks, Leicester."

Under Council Procedure Rule 13a, the aforementioned petition was referred to the Monitoring Officer for consideration and action as appropriate.

Petitions from Councillors

Cllr Dave presented a petition with 75 valid signatures with the following terms:

"Residents submit a petition for the implementation of a residential parking permit programme on St Michael's Avenue, Leicester."

Under Council Procedure Rule 13a, the aforementioned petition was referred to the Monitoring Officer for consideration and action as appropriate.

67. QUESTIONS

Please note that a full record of the questions and responses is available on the recording of the meeting at [Council meeting 21 March 2024 - YouTube](#). Time codes for each question will be provided before the wording of the question.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The following questions were asked by members of the public:

1. Mr Sharma

0:11:30

“A petition was raised for a walking track in Rushey Fields Park in 2014. So far, the Council has failed to provide it, why?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question.

2. Mr Sharma

0:11:45

“When will the Council provide the walking track in Rushey Fields Park?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question and to Mr Sharma’s supplemental question.

3. Mr Sharma

0:08:37

“A petition signed by 675 residents was raised almost 12 years ago regarding a CCTV camera at the junction of Gipsy Lane and Harrison Road. Why has the CCTV camera not been installed so far?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Russell provided a response to this question.

4. Mr Sharma

00:15:25

“When will the Council install the CCTV camera, due to increased crime in the area, and public safety?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Russell provided a response to this question

and to Mr Sharma's supplemental question.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

1. Cllr Mohammed

0:50:00

'3 months after the double attempted murder shooting on Evington Rd there now has been another violent attempted murder crime. Local residents feel their neighbourhood has been taken over by a late-night vampire economy, which is sucking the family life out of their neighbourhood. There are numerous planning and licensing breaches by businesses in the area which adds further pain to the numerous grievances of our local residents. When can local families expect some real impactful action from the local authority.'

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question.

2. Cllr Batool

0:53:15

"Research by the UCL Institute of Health Equity has found that a million people in England would have lived longer if they had experienced the same death rates as the wealthiest 10% of the country. It means, poverty and inequality is precisely shortening people's lives. Can the portfolio holder outline the Initiatives Local Authority is taking to address the health inequalities in response to these shocking statistics?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Russell provided a response to this question.

3. Cllr Batool

0:57:10

"Can the Portfolio holder please advise how many Leicester families (with children and young people in Full Time Education) are currently living in temporary accommodation?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question and to Councillor Batool's supplemental question.

4. Cllr Batool

0:59:57

"Can the Portfolio holder please provide the information related to the vulnerable people placements (victims of domestic abuse or any other particular needs) that how many vulnerable people have been placed in

Leicester rented accommodation by other local authorities and how many Leicester residents sent to other local authorities in the last 2 years?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Russell provided a response to this question and Councillor Batool's supplemental question.

5. Cllr Haq

1:01:55

"How much has been spent on Cycle lanes in the past 4 years? And what amount of that money was ring-fenced?"

City Mayor provided a response to this question and to Councillor Haq's supplemental question.

Varying Order of Business Questions and Adjournment - Questions from Councillors were taken after item 8b to allow Councillors observing Ramadan to break fast and prayers.

6. Cllr Haq

2:19:31

"How much money has been spent on flood risk management? and what is the future spending plans to protect residents from flooding across the city?"
Deputy City Mayor Cllr Russell provided a response to this question and to Councillor Haq's supplemental question.

7. Cllr Haq

2:22:42

"Residents across the city are struggling with access to GP appointments, Ambulance delays and long A and E waits what is the council doing about this?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Russell provided a response to this question and Councillor Haq's supplemental question.

8. Cllr Haq

2:24:50

"There are lots of new businesses investing in the city centre and then closing very quickly, is there any plans to improve parking and reducing Antisocial behaviour in the city centre?"

City Mayor provided a response to this question and a response to Councillor Haq's supplemental question.

9. Cllr Haq

2:29:10

“When were the Hospital Close houses purchased and for how much?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question and a response to Councillor Haq’s supplemental question.

10. Cllr Kennedy-Lount

2:30.33

“I have asked this question by email in recent months on two occasions without a reply. Can the City Council advise this evening if they have paid any subsidy for the service 87 bus service in the last year?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question.

11. Cllr Kennedy-Lount

2.32.00

“In the Investment Strategy Report for 2024/25 for the last Council meeting I read the council made a loan to Leicestershire County Cricket Club which is guaranteed. However, are the loans from the Council to the Ethically Sourced Products Limited, the Leicester Hockey Club and Leicester Community Sports Arena guaranteed, if so by how much?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and to Councillor Kennedy-Lount’s supplemental question.

12. Cllr Kennedy-Lount

2:33:30

“The City Council plans to spend £195,000 of taxpayers money in 2024-25 on the Heritage Panels. Considering the recent flooding in Leicester, does the Council agree with me that an additional £195,000 on flood prevention would be of much better use of limited public money rather than heritage signs?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question.

13. Cllr Kennedy-Lount

2:36:30

“Braunstone Leisure Centres main pool has been out of action for several

months. Health and fitness are key components to a person's well-being. Since the temporary closure of the pool have we seen an increase in use at other Council run facilities such as Aylestone and New Parks?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Dempster provided a response to this question.

14. Cllr Westley

2:38:20

"How many houses has been built in Ashton Green field since project started and by when can we expect remaining houses to be build and complete the project?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question.

15. Cllr Chauhan

2:39:33

"How many unused or unoccupied council house in city at present?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question and to Councillor Chauhan's supplemental question.

16. Cllr Chauhan

2:42:00

"What is current process of claiming housing benefits?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Russell provided a response to this question and to Councillor Chauhan's supplemental question.

17. Cllr Chauhan

2:43:20

"Are Wolverhampton taxi plate holder allow to bid for school run ?"

Assistant City Mayor Cllr Dempster provided a response to this question.

18. Cllr Chauhan

2:44:34

"What was the reason for flood in the city and particularly in Ross Walk in Belgrave?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Russell provided a response to this question and to Councillor Chauhan's supplemental question.

19. Cllr Agath

2:46:48

“Abbey Lane bus lane scheme was rejected by majority of the residents in the council survey. Council did another round of survey which was equally rejected as people haven't changed their minds. Can the Council now clearly confirm that the scheme has been cancelled?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and to Councillor Agath's supplemental question.

20. Cllr Agath

2:49:10

“After recent floods due to storm Henk the government announced funds to support the residents. How much of that funding has been allocated to Leicester and how much has been claimed by the residents of Abbey ward which was most affected?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Russell provided a response to this question and to Councillor Agath's supplemental question.

21. Cllr Modhwadia

2:51.17

“We want to ask the council that there are so many businesses, and their premises are empty, so why is the council not giving permission or working to convert these premises into houses or apartments?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question.

22. Cllr Modhwadia

2:53:02

“There are some City Council buildings that can be used into community centres or into houses. If council don't want to develop them is council thinking or selling these properties?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Modhwadia's supplemental question.

23. Cllr Modhwadia

2:55.40

“The council must have approved some projects recently to convert into

houses or apartments, can these lists be shared with us?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question and Councillor Modhwadia’s supplemental question.

24. Cllr Modhwadia

2:57:35

“Can City Mayor kindly give us an idea on his future projects that may attract new jobs? We want to know as what is Sir Peter Soulsby doing to address the unemployment issues? Are there any plans to attract new businesses?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question.

25. Cllr Modhwadia

2:58:55

“Government grant of £830000, fix damage to stretches of the A4560 Narborough road and A607 Melton Road. Is it funding been received or not? ”

City Mayor provided a response to this question.

26. Cllr Joannou

3:01:30

“My question for council. You say we have no money. However, all over the city there is illegal parking and outrageous antics on our roads, especially outside schools, putting children at risk. Scotland has passed a law to stop parking on pavements. If we employed more parking attendants we could generate a significant pot of money. You may say that we cannot afford more parking attendants and my response is they will generate enough to pay for them and make money for the council . ”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Joannou’s supplemental question.

27. Cllr Rae Bhatia

3:05:20

“Recent council tax bills for 2024-25 state that the Adult Social Care Precept increase is by 2%. But when calculated the increase actually ranges between 11-15% depending on band of the property. Can the City Mayor explain the reasons for this discrepancy?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Rae Bhatia’s supplemental question.

28. Cllr Rae Bhatia

3:07:45

“Has the city council employed an external legal team to support its case on the Local Plan that goes before the government inspector in coming months? If yes, how much has it cost the council, which obviously is paid for by the tax payers in the city?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question and Councillor Rae Bhatia’s supplemental question.

29. Cllr Rae Bhatia

3:11:35

“The government has been generous to the city council in topping up its highways maintenance fund by another £800k on top of £580k granted last year for pothole repairs. Given the condition of the roads across the city which are in state of disrepair, I’m sure everyone in this chamber and residents of the city all want to know where has that money been spent. Can the Deputy Mayor advise us on that and what are the plans now to fix potholes, resurfacing and remarking across the city not just on the two stretches announced recently?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Rae Bhatia’s supplemental question.

30. Cllr Singh Patel

3:17:12

“What are council doing to tackle damp in properties”.

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question and Councillor Singh Patel’s supplemental question.

31. Cllr Singh Patel

3:22:02

“If works can't be completed due to additional trades being required or resources, what steps are being taken to ensure that the correct trades or resources are arranged?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question.

32. Cllr Singh Patel

WITHDRAWN

33. Cllr Singh Patel

3:24:20

Damp and mould regardless of whether it's condensation or lifestyle what are we doing to ensure the issue is treated or resolved to prevent future legal claims.

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin responded to the question and Councillor Singh Patel's supplemental question.

34. Cllr Gopal

3:26:42

"Belgrave Ward stands out as an iconic area in Leicester. What measures is the council implementing to enhance its appeal?"

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Gopal's supplemental question.

35. Cllr Gopal

3:31:50

"Parking on zebra crossings is a common issue in Leicester. How is the council addressing this problem?"

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Gopal's supplemental question.

36. Cllr Gopal

3:34:03

"Leicester's cleanliness varies across different neighbourhoods, with Belgrave Ward often being among the worst affected. What actions is the council taking to address this?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question.

3:34:03

37. Cllr Gopal

3:37:40

"What are the council's plans regarding the vacant land left by the demolished Sainsbury's building?"

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Gopal's supplemental question.

38. Cllr Gopal

3:41:00

"The Sainsbury's council parking lot remains consistently empty. Could the council consider implementing free parking to encourage usage?"

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Gopal's supplemental question.

39. Cllr Osman

3:43:10

"Do we know where we are about district heating, regarding how many properties have now been fitted with "heat meters"?"

How much has the council invested towards subsidising and how much help was eventually received from the Govt towards this?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question and Councillor Osman's supplemental question.

40. Cllr Osman

3:46:10

"We believe the cost of heat meter including installation is under £500, yet it is expected tenants will eventually be paying in excess of £2000 by monthly meter standing charge on top of the actual standing charge, how can this be fair.

Utility companies are offering smart meters at no cost."

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question.

41. Cllr Sahu

3:49:16

"Can Cllr Cutkelvin please provide an update on the refurbishment of Clarendon Park Road Play Area?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question.

42. Cllr Sahu

3:54:25

“Can Cllr Cutkelvin please provide an update on progress with expanding Landlord Licensing to Castle Ward?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question.

43. Cllr Gregg

3:56:25

“Can the City Mayor please provide an update on the refurbishment of Victoria Park Pavilion?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Gregg’s supplemental question.

44. Cllr Kitterick

3:59:20

Cllr Kitterick to say:-

“Can the Cabinet Member responsible for Sports Services tell me how many citizens of Leicester have registered for access to Victoria Park Tennis Courts?”

Assistant City Mayor Cllr Dempster provided a response to this question and Councillor Kitterick’s supplemental question.

45. Cllr Kitterick

4:04:10

“Can the Cabinet Member responsible for Sports Services tell me how many of those citizens who have registered for access to Victoria Park Tennis Courts have done so under the council's concessionary rates scheme for people accessing Leisure Services in Leicester?”

Assistant City Mayor Cllr Dempster provided a response to this question and Councillor Kitterick’s supplemental question.

46. Cllr Kitterick

4:05:10

“Can the City Mayor inform the council as to when then City Council's planning website will be functioning again?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Kitterick’s supplemental question.

47. Cllr Kitterick

4:07:14

“Can the City Mayor inform the council as to whether the recent cyber attack on Leicester City Council will affect the running of the Police & Crime Commissioner elections in the City due to take place on 2nd May?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Kitterick’s supplemental question.

48. Cllr Kitterick

4:10:10

“Can the City Mayor tell the council if he instructed members of his Senior Management Team not to answer questions on the recent cyber attack at the meeting of the Councils Governance & Audit Committee which took place on 13th March, and if he did not issue the instruction who did?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Kitterick’s supplemental question.

49. Cllr Kitterick

4:15:05

“Will the City Mayor assure the Council that Members of the Senior Management Team provide an update on the ongoing effects of the cyber attack on Leicester City Council at the Council's Governance & Audit meeting on 25th March 24?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Kitterick’s supplemental question.

50. Cllr Kitterick

4:19:25

“Will the City Mayor please provide an update on the review of governance systems of Leicester City Council in particular the future of the City Mayor Executive model and possible alternatives to this model?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Kitterick’s supplemental question.

51. Cllr Porter

4:20:10

On 27 February 2024 did the Labour mayor state (in an email to Leicester residents) that "we have not made unwise investments"?

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Porter's supplemental question.

52. Cllr Porter

4:22:30

"The council plans to spend £45 million on freehold property outside the housing revenue account, will all the purchased properties be EPC 'C' and above?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question and Councillor Porter's supplemental question.

53. Cllr Porter

4:27:10

"Changes in the arrangement of bus stops in the city centre has significantly impacted on people with mobility issues.

Did the council have any involvement in the decision to reallocate and/or remove bus stops or was the decision made entirely by the bus companies with no consultation whatsoever with the council?"

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Porter's supplemental question.

54. Cllr Porter

4:31:10

"The council wants to employ 25 extra members of staff as part of the council's proposals to spend £45 million on freehold property, so how much is the total cost including pay, any additional benefits, overtime payments, employers' national insurance contributions and pension contributions of employing 25 extra staff?"

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Cutkelvin provided a response to this question and Councillor Porter's supplemental question.

55. Cllr Porter

4.33:20

"The council's invested /purchased shares in the Threadneedle Property Unit Trust - can the council give details of the date(s) of (i) each acquisition, (ii)

the offer price paid, (iii) the amount of money invested and (iv) the total asset value of the fund at the time of each acquisition?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Porter’s supplemental question.

56. Cllr Porter
WITHDRAWN

57. Cllr Porter

4:36:10

“The council's invested /purchased shares in the Lothbury Property Trust Fund - can the council give details of the date(s) of (i) each acquisition, (ii) the offer price paid, (iii) the amount of money invested and (iv) the total asset value of the fund at the time of each acquisition?”

City Mayor provided a response to this question and Councillor Porter’s supplemental question.

58. Cllr Kitterick

4:39:00

“To ask the Cabinet Member responsible for Adventure Playgrounds, why after the warm words at the Council's Budget Meeting are Leicester's Adventure Playgrounds being burdened, during this year's funding, with tasks and clauses that reduce their possibility of replacing that funding? Why does the council appear to be making it less attractive for other bodies to fund Adventure Playgrounds?”

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Russell provided a response to this question and Councillor Kitterick’s supplemental question.

59. Cllr Karavadra
WITHDRAWN

68. MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

68A. A REVIEW OF MEMBERS’ ALLOWANCES FOR LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL – A REPORT BY THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

Moved by Councillor Halford, seconded by Councillor Russell:

That Council notes the content and recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel’s Report on Members’ Allowances and, in accordance with the proposals by the Panel, makes the Members’ Allowances Scheme

(MAS) as detailed within Appendix 2 to the main report.

Following debate, under Council Procedure Rule 29 of the Council's Constitution, three Councillors requested a recorded vote.

For the motion: Councillors: Adatia, Agath, Aldred, Aqbany, Bajaj, Barnes, Barton, Batool, Bonham, Chauhan, Clarke, Cole, Cutkelvin, Dave, Dawood, Dempster, Gopal, Halford, Joannou, Joel, Joshi, Karavadra, Kaur Saini, Malik, March, Modhwadia, Mohammed, Orton, Osman, Pantling, Pickering, Rae-Bhatia, Russell, Singh-Patel, Singh-Sangha, Sood, Soulsby (City Mayor), Surti, Waddington, Westley, Whittle, Zaman.

Against the motion: Councillors: Gregg, Haq, Kennedy-Lount, Kitterick, Sahu.

Abstentions from the motion: None.

The Lord Mayor declared the motion was carried.

68B. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2024/2025 AND GENDER PAY GAP REPORT 2023

Moved by Councillor Malik, seconded by Councillor Sood and carried:

- a) "That Council approves the Pay Policy Statement for 2024/2025 set out in Appendix A of the report; and
- b) That Council notes the Gender Pay Gap Report for 2023/24

68C. LEICESTER YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN – ANNUAL REVIEW

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Batool and carried:

That Council:

- a) notes the achievements from 2022-23; and
- b) agrees the priorities for 2023-25 with a refresh to progress in spring 2024.

69. REPORTS OF THE CITY MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE

69A. EXCEPTIONAL HOMELESSNESS PRESSURES ON HOUSING

Moved by Councillor Cutkelvin, seconded by City Mayor and carried:

That Council:

- i) Notes the significant service and Council pressure arising from the increase in homelessness;
- ii) Notes the actions being proposed relating to the below recommendations in this report;
- iii) Agrees to proceed with leasing 125 units of accommodation at an estimated annual net cost of £0.3m;
- iv) Agrees to proceed with the acquisition of up to 225 units of accommodation at an estimated capital cost of £45m and annual revenue cost of £1m in 2024/25 (and £2m per year thereafter); and
- v) Approves the addition of £45m to the Council's capital programme, to be financed from Prudential Borrowing.

70. REPORTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

70A. BIENNIAL REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE JULY 2021-JUNE 2023 - ANALYSIS OF MEMBER COMPLAINTS

Moved by Councillor Whittle, seconded by Councillor Halford and carried:

That Council notes the report.

71. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices for a motion.

72. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no other urgent business, the meeting closed at 21:55.