



Leicester
City Council

Democratic and Civic
Support
City Hall
115 Charles Street
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14 November 2024

Sir or Madam

I hereby summon you to a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL to be held at the Town Hall, on THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2024 at FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon, for the business hereunder mentioned.

Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

AUDIO STREAM OF MEETING

A live audio stream of the meeting can be heard on the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@leicestercitycouncildemocr5339>

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

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held below are available to view at the links below:

21 March 2024

[Agenda for Council on Thursday, 21 March 2024, 5:00 pm \(leicester.gov.uk\)](#)

16 May 2024 – Annual Meeting

[Agenda for Council on Thursday, 16 May 2024, 5:00 pm \(leicester.gov.uk\)](#)

5 September 2024

[Agenda for Council on Thursday, 5 September 2024, 5:00 pm \(leicester.gov.uk\)](#)

Copies are also available from Governance Services 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
Ms Alison Simpson, Residents Parking Scheme Ripon Street.
Mr Avtar Singh Desi, Poor Road Conditions in Barnes Close
- Presented by Councillors – None
- Petitions to be debated – None

6. QUESTIONS

- From Members of the Public
- From Councillors

7. MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

- a) **GAMBLING POLICY 2025-28** **Pages 1-56**

8. REPORTS OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

- a) **SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24** **Pages 56-77**

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Council Motion: Opposing the Restriction of Universal Winter Fuel Payments.

Councillor Porter proposes that:

Leicester City Council acknowledges the uncaring announcement by the Labour government to end universal winter fuel payments by implementing income means-testing and tightening of the eligibility criteria. This decision,

viewed as harsh and unsympathetic by many, will likely lead to financial hardship for thousands of local pensioners, leaving many vulnerable to the cold this winter. Research indicates that restricting winter fuel payments could tragically result in up to 4,000 additional pensioner deaths.

The Council strongly condemns the Labour government's decision and calls for an immediate reversal, advocating for the reinstatement of winter fuel payments for all pensioners.

The Council resolves to:

- Joint Council Leadership Appeal:

Request that all council group leaders co-sign a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, asking for the new winter fuel payment policy to be suspended and thoroughly reviewed.

- Launch an Awareness Campaign for Pension Credit Uptake:

Initiate an urgent, targeted awareness campaign to make sure all eligible pensioners are aware of and have access to pension credit. This campaign will include information on council noticeboards, social media platforms, the local press and targeted letters to all eligible individuals.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Information for members of the public

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Further information

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

Sharif Chowdhury, Senior Governance Officer on 0116 454 0538

Alternatively, email sharif.chowdhury@leicester.gov.uk or call in at City Hall.

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