



**Leicester**  
City Council

At a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL held at the Town Hall at FIVE FIFTEEN O'CLOCK in the afternoon on Thursday, 15 MAY 2025 duly convened for the business hereunder mentioned.

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**BUSINESS**

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- 1a. Lord Mayor's Announcements**
- 1b. Declarations of Interest**
- 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 Regulatory**
- 8. Notification of Executive Appointments**
- 9. Annual Calendar of Meetings**
- 10. Any Other Urgent Business**

**PRESENT:**

BHUPEN DAVE, LORD MAYOR

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

Abbey Ward

Nags Agath

Aylestone Ward

Scott-Kennedy-Lount

Beaumont Leys Ward

Hemant Rae Bhatia  
Paul Westley

Belgrave Ward

Shital Adatia  
Yogesh Chauhan  
Jaientilal 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

Fosse Ward

North Evington Ward

Dilip Joshi  
Ravi Mahesh  
Sanjay Modhwadia

Rushey Mead Ward

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

Mohinder Singh Sangha

Westcotes Ward

Adam Clarke  
Sarah Russell

Western Ward

Susan Waddington

George Cole  
Vi Dempster

Humberstone and Hamilton Ward

Wycliffe Ward

Stephen Bonham  
Ashiedu Joel  
Manjit Kaur Saini

Hanif Aqbany  
Mohammed Dawood

Knighton Ward

Mellissa March  
Lynn Moore  
Geoff Whittle

**1. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Lord Mayor's Announcements.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2. ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR**

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

"That Councillor Teresa Aldred be elected to the Office of Lord Mayor of the City for the coming year".

The Lord Mayor put the motion to vote and declared the motion was carried.

Councillor Teresa Aldred, Lord Mayor of Leicester, took the Chair.

**3. ELECTION OF HIGH BAILIFF**

Moved by the City Mayor and seconded by Councillor Mohammed:

"That Councillor Manjula Sood MBE be elected to the office of High Bailiff for the coming year."

The Lord Mayor put the motion to vote and declared the motion was carried.

**4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR**

Moved by Councillor Rae Bhatia and seconded by the City Mayor:

"That Councillor Bhupen Dave be appointed Deputy Lord Mayor for the coming year."

The Lord Mayor put the motion to vote and declared the motion carried.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S SPIRITUAL ADVISER**

The Lord Mayor announced the appointment of The Very Reverend Father, Richard Ounsworth, as the Lord Mayor's Spiritual Adviser for the year.

**6. THANKS TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR**

Please note that a full record of the of the discussion is available on the recording of the meeting at [Special Council Meeting and Annual Council - 15 May 2025 - YouTube](#) at 00:59:10-1:23:51.

The City Mayor moved, seconded by Councillor Rae Bhatia and carried:

The City Mayor expressed appreciation for the outgoing Lord Mayor and Lord Mayoress' extensive engagement at numerous events throughout the year including the education sector where the Lord Mayor took part in awards for young people, university graduation ceremonies and engaged with various groups to inspire young people throughout the city. The City Mayor noted other engagements including events supporting International Women's Day, Armed Forces and fifth anniversary to mark the Covid-19 pandemic.

## **7. ESTABLISHMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES**

Please note that a full record of the of the discussion is available on the recording of the meeting at [Special Council Meeting and Annual Council - 15 May 2025 - YouTube](#) at time 1:24:26-1:27:16.

Councillor Mohammed moved, seconded by the City Mayor:

"I move that the recommended actions and decisions regarding the formation of Scrutiny Committees and Commissions, Regulatory and Council Committees, as printed on the Council Script in italics, be approved.

### ***Appointment of Council Committees 2025-2026 Municipal Year – Scrutiny Committee, Commissions & Regulatory and Council Committees***

#### ***2.1 That the:-***

*Overview Select Committee*

*Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission*

*Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Commission*

*Culture and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Commission*

*Economic Development, Transport and Climate Emergency Scrutiny Commission*

*Housing Scrutiny Commission; and*

*Public Health and Health Integration Scrutiny Commission*

*all be established in accordance with their existing Terms of Reference, the size of each being in accordance with the lists detailed in Appendix A, and the Chair and Vice Chair positions being confirmed in accordance with the lists circulated to Members. It should be noted that any remaining places will be filled in accordance with relevant procedures and in consultation with the relevant Groups/Members.*

#### ***2.2 That the:-***

*Governance and Audit Committee*

*Health and Wellbeing Board*

*Standards Committee*

*Planning and Development Control Committee*

*Licensing and Public Safety Committee; and  
Licensing Sub-Committees*

*all be established in accordance with their existing Terms of Reference, the size of each being in accordance with the lists circulated to all Members and attached at Appendix A, and the Chair and Vice Chair positions being confirmed in accordance with the lists circulated to members separately (noting that any remaining places will be filled in accordance with relevant procedures and in consultation with the relevant Members) except that:*

*(i) The Terms of Reference of the Governance & Audit Committee be amended in line with paragraph 3.7 of the report.*

*(ii) The Terms of Reference of the Health & Wellbeing Board be amended in line with paragraph 3.8 of the report.”*

The Lord Mayor put the motion to vote and declared the motion was carried.

**8. NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

There were no Notifications of Executive Appointments.

**9. ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

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Councillor Mohammed moved, seconded by City Mayor:

“That the cycle of meetings of the Scrutiny, Regulatory and Council Committees be confirmed as set out in the schedule of meetings attached at Item 9 with the Agenda and

“That the Annual Meeting in 2026 be held on 14 May 2026, that Council meet on Wednesday 25 February 2026 to consider the estimates for 2026/27, and that ordinary meetings of Council be held on the dates indicated on the Council Script, ie:

Thursday 3 July 2025  
Thursday 18 September 2025  
Thursday 20 November 2025  
Thursday 26 March 2026”

The Lord Mayor put the motion to vote and declared the motion carried.

**10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 18.29pm.

