



**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, 26 MARCH 2026 duly convened for the business hereunder mentioned.

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**BUSINESS**

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1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
2. **APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMAN**

**PRESENT:**

TERESA ALDRED. LORD MAYOR

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

Abbey Ward

Nags Agath

Aylestone Ward

Scott-Kennedy-Lount  
Nigel Porter

Beaumont Leys Ward

Hazel Orton  
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

Fosse Ward

Susan Waddington

North Evington Ward

Dilip Joshi  
Sanjay Modhwadia

Rushey Mead Ward

Bhupen Dave  
Devi Singh Patel

Saffron Ward

Elly Cutkelvin

Spinney Hills Ward

Misbah Batool  
Mustafa Malik

Stoneygate Ward

Raffiq Moosa Mohammed  
Aasiya Bora  
Yasmin Surti

Thurncourt Ward

Teresa Aldred  
Abdul Osman

Troon Ward

Diane Cank  
Mohinder Singh Sangha

Westcotes Ward

Adam Clarke  
Sarah Russell

Western Ward

George Cole

Syed Zaman

Vi Dempster  
Molly O'Neill

Humberstone and Hamilton Ward

Wycliffe Ward

Stephen Bonham  
Ashiedu Joel  
Manjit Kaur Saini

Hanif Aqbany

Knighton Ward

Mellissa March  
Lynn Moore  
Geoff Whittle

## **1. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. Former Councillor Manjula Sood**

The Lord Mayor informed Council that a portrait of Manjula Sood was being prepared for the stairwell outside of the Lord Mayor's Parlours, alongside portraits of previous Lord Mayors who passed away during service. This will provide a lasting reminder for generations to come of the dedication and service Manjula Sood gave to the City of Leicester and the legacy she left behind.

### **2. International Women's Day**

The Lord Mayor highlighted the opportunity to celebrate women's achievements, raise awareness about discrimination and encourage gender equality. The day falls on 8 March each year and has been celebrated since 1911. The Lord Mayor attends several events across the city which allowed guests to share their experiences and successes, and gave them chance to reflect on working together for the advancement of women worldwide.

### **3. Charity Ball**

The Lord Mayor reminded members of the forthcoming Masked Ball on Friday 24 April 2026 at Devonshire Place, the Ball will raise funds for two charities, The Joe Humphries Memorial Trust and Andys Man Club. Tickets would be made available from the Civic Office.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Lord Mayor invited members to declare any interests they might have in the business for this Special Council meeting.

There were no declarations of interest.

## **3. HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

### ***Note***

***Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the City Council to "admit to be honorary freemen or honorary freewomen of the place or area for which it is the authority— (a) persons of distinction, and (b) persons who have, in the opinion of the authority, rendered eminent services to that place or area." Such a decision must be made by a resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting thereon at a special meeting of the Council.***

City Mayor, seconded by Councillor Halford and moved:

"That the City Council under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 249 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 confers on Mr Keith Beaumont the Honorary Freedom of the City of Leicester and causes him to be admitted as Honorary Freeman of Leicester."

After putting the motion to the vote, the Lord Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Lord Mayor closed the special meeting of Council and proceeded to open the ordinary meeting of Council.