



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, 14 MAY 2026 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. **THANKS TO THE RETIRING LORD MAYOR**
6. **ESTABLISHMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES**
7. **NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**
8. **ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**
9. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

PRESENT:

TERESA ALDRED, LORD MAYOR

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

Abbey Ward

Nags Agath

Aylestone Ward

Scott-Kennedy-Lount

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

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
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
Aasiya Bora
Yasmin Surti

Thurncourt Ward

Teresa Aldred
Abdul Osman

Troon Ward

Diane Cank
Mohinder Singh Sangha

Westcotes Ward

Adam Clarke

Western Ward

George Cole

Vi Dempster
Molly O'Neill

Humberstone and Hamilton Ward

Stephen Bonham
Ashiedu Joel
Manjit Kaur Saini

Wycliffe Ward

Hanif Aqbany
Mohammed Dawood

Knighton Ward

Mellissa March
Lynn Moore
Geoff Whittle

1. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Lord Mayor's Announcements.

2. ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

Moved by the City Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cutkelvin:

"That Councillor Kulwinder Singh Johal 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 Kulwinder Singh Johal, Lord Mayor of Leicester, took the Chair.

3. ELECTION OF HIGH BAILIFF

Moved by the City Mayor and seconded by Councillor Cutkelvin:

"That Councillor Teresa Aldred 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 the City Mayor, seconded by Councillor Cutkelvin:

"That Councillor Dr Susan Barton appointed Deputy Lord Mayor for the coming year."

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

5. 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 [Annual Council - 14 May 2026 - YouTube](#) at 1:02:00-1:26:13.

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

Councillor Dempster highlighted the impact made by the outgoing Lord Mayor and commended her tireless efforts with her chosen charities. Councillor Dempster mentioned the increased number of defibrillators around the City, a cause supported by the Lord Mayor and the significant engagements through the year.

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES

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).”

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

7. NOTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

There were no Notifications of Executive Appointments.

8. ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Councillor Mohammed moved, seconded by the 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 2027 be held on 20 May 2027, that Council meet on Wednesday 24 February 2027 to consider the estimates for 2027/28, and that ordinary meetings of Council be held on the dates indicated on the Council Script, ie:

Thursday 2 July 2026
Thursday 17 September 2026
Thursday 19 November 2026
Thursday 18 March 2027”

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

9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 18.29pm.