

Democratic and Civic Support City Hall 115 Charles Street Leicester LE1 1FZ

5 November 2014

Sir or Madam

I hereby summon you to a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL to be held at the Town Hall, on THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2014 at FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon, for the business hereunder mentioned.

Kamal Adaha

**Monitoring Officer** 

AGENDA

# 1. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

## 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2014 are available to view at <u>http://cabinet.council.leicester.gov.uk</u>. Copies are also available from Democratic Support on 0116 454 6352 / <u>committees@leicester.gov.uk</u>

### 4. **PETITIONS**

- Presented by Councillors
- Presented by Members of the Public

### 5. QUESTIONS

- From Members of the Public
- From Councillors

# 6. MATTERS RESERVED TO FULL COUNCIL

- 6.1 Review of Polling Districts
- 6.2 City Wide Street Drinking Order

# 7. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE

7.1 Director of Public Health Annual Report 2013-14

# 8. REPORTS OF REGULATORY AND STANDARDS COMMITTEES

8.1 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2013-14

### 9. REPORTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

9.1 Review of the Member Code of Conduct and Associated Arrangements

### **10. EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES**

To vary the composition and fill any vacancies of Cabinet and any Committee of the Council.

# 11. NOTICES OF MOTION

1. Proposed by Councillor Potter, Seconded by Councillor Naylor:

For Leicester City Council to support the current pay claim of Local Government Workers for a rise of £1 per hour to those on the lowest incomes, below £25,000 pa, where there is provision to do so within the

revenue budget.

Currently our Council's staff are campaigning for an extra £1 an hour on their pay – more than the 1% most of them have been offered by the Local Government Association.

They really need it. They had a pay freeze from 2010 until 2013, followed by a 1% increase in 2013 when inflation was 2%. Now they have been offered another pay cut -1%, while inflation is 2.5%.

We believe that our council's staff deserve decent pay for the great job they do for our city and in our communities. We accept that funding is tight, but over half the cost of their claim would be paid for through increases in tax and national insurance and reduced cost of in-work benefits. It can – and should – be met.

2. Proposed by Councillor Dawood, seconded by Kitterick.

#### **Preamble**

Leicester is a City renowned for its tolerance, diversity, unity and its strong stance against all forms of discrimination, this position enables different communities to live together.

It is also important when there is oppression and injustices, that Leicester City Council takes up a position to support communities experiencing such inequalities and in this instance it is the plight of the Palestinian people, which is why the following resolution is being moved.

#### **The Motion**

Leicester City Council recognises the right of the State of Israel to exist in peace and free from incursion, but condemns the Government of Israel for its continuing illegal occupation of Palestine's East Jerusalem and the West Bank; for its continuing blockade of Gaza; and the illegal appropriation of land in the West Bank and settlement buildings.

The Council welcomes the decision of the United Nations on 29 November 2012 to recognise Palestine "non-member observer State", but for the people of Palestine the suffering since 1967 continues.

The Council also welcomes UK Parliament's vote on 13th October 2014 to recognise Palestinian Statehood even though the United Kingdom Government fails to do so.

It is with regret we note the Government of Israel continues to ignore and breach International Law, Geneva Convention and UN Resolutions and continues with its occupation of Palestinian territories.

Therefore, Leicester City Council resolves, insofar as legal considerations allow, to boycott any produce originating from illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank until such time as it complies with international law and withdraws from Palestinian Occupied territories."

# 12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

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Thursday, 13 November 2014