



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, 21 MAY 2015 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. **APPOINTMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**
6. **THANKS TO RETIRING LORD MAYOR**
7. **ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULATORY AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
8. **DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

PRESENT:

JOHN THOMAS, LORD MAYOR
CHAIRMAN

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

Abbey Ward

HARSHAD DAHYABHAI BHAVSAR
ANNETTE BYRNE
VIJAY SINGH RIYAIT

Aylestone Ward

ADAM CLARKE
NIGEL CARL PORTER

Beaumont Leys Ward

HEMANT RAE BHATIA
SUE WADDINGTON
PAUL THOMAS WESTLEY

Belgrave Ward

MANSUKLAL CHOCHAN
MANJULA SOOD

Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields

STEVE CORRALL
ELAINE HALFORD
KULWINDER SINGH JOHAL

Castle Ward

PATRICK JOSEPH KITTERICK
DEBORAH ANNE SANGSTER
LYNN SENIOR

Evington Ward

DEEPAK BAJAJ
RATILAL BHAGWAN GOVIND
SUE HUNTER

Eyres Monsell Ward

VIRGINIA CLEAVER
RORY PALMER

North Evington Ward

LUIS FONSECA
JEAN KHOTE
ABDUL RAZAK OSMAN

Rushey Mead Ward

PIARA SINGH CLAIR
RITA PATEL
ROSS WILLMOTT

Saffron Ward

ELLY CUTKELVIN
WILLIAM SHELTON

Spinney Hills Ward

SHOFIQL ISLAM CHOWDHURY
MUSTAFA MALIK

Stoneygate Ward

LUCY CHAPLIN
KIRK MASTER

Thurncourt Ward

TERESA ALDRED
PAUL NEWCOMBE

Troon Ward

DIANE CANK
BALJIT SINGH

Westcotes Ward

ANDY CONNELLY
SARAH RUSSELL

Fosse Ward

DAWN ALFONSO
TED CASSIDY

Humberstone and Hamilton Ward

VI DEMPSTER
RASHMI JOSHI
GURINDER SINGH SANDHU

Knighton Ward

ROSS GRANT
INDERJIT SINGH GUGNANI
DR LYNN MOORE

Western Ward

DR SUSAN BARTON
MALCOLM UNSWORTH

Wycliffe Ward

HANIF AQBANY
MOHAMMED DAWOOD

LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Before the meeting formally commenced the Lord Mayor invited his chaplain Father Lally to say a short prayer. Following the prayer the Lord Mayor presented Father Lally with a Certificate of Thanks for his support over the past municipal year.

The Lord Mayor welcomed the assembled guests to the Annual Meeting of the Council.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS

The Monitoring Officer informed Council that elections had been held on 7 May 2015. A full list of the election results and the Members so elected had been published. The Monitoring Officer also reported that each Councillor had made the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The City Mayor noted the appointed of the Deputy City Mayor, Councillor Rory Palmer and new Executive:

Assistant City Mayors	–	Councillor Piara Singh Clair Councillor Adam Clarke Councillor Andy Connelly Councillor Abdul Osman Councillor Sarah Russell Councillor Lynn Senior Councillor Manjula Sood Councillor Susan Waddington
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The City Mayor further introduced the following new Councillors to the Lord Mayor and Council:

Councillor Teresa Aldred	Thurncourt
Councillor Diane Cank	Troon
Councillor Mo Chohan	Belgrave
Councillor Ratilal Govind	Evington
Councillor Elaine Halford	Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields
Councillor Sue Hunter	Evington
Councillor Jean Khote	North Evington
Councillor Mustafa Malik	Spinney Hills
Councillor Kirk Master	Stoneygate
Councillor Hemant Rae Bhatia	Beaumont Leys
Councillor Kulwinder Singh Johal	Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields
Councillor Aminur Thalukdar	Stoneygate

ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR

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

1. That Councillor Ted Cassidy be elected to the Office of Lord Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

Councillor Ted Cassidy, Lord Mayor of Leicester took the Chair

ELECTION OF HIGH BAILIFF

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

2. That Councillor Manjula Sood be elected to the Office of High Bailiff of the City for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY LORD MAYOR

Moved by the Councillor Alfonso, seconded by Councillor Westley and carried:

3. That Councillor Stephen Corral be elected to the Office of Deputy Lord Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

APPOINTMENT OF LORD MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

The Lord Mayor informed Council that he had appointed the Rev'd Canon Alison Adams as his Chaplain.

THANKS TO RETIRING LORD MAYOR

Moved by Councillor Patel, seconded by Councillor Joshi and carried:

4. Councillor Rita Patel

"My Lord Mayor, City Mayor, distinguished guests and honoured guests, may I also take this opportunity Lord Mayor to congratulate you on being elected to this high office.

On behalf of the whole council I wish to move a motion of thanks to the outgoing Lord Mayor Councillor John Thomas, who has done such a brilliant job for Leicester for the last twelve months.

I know that I also speak for the many that have met and worked with Councillor Thomas over the past year when I express our sincere thanks to him for his service as Lord Mayor and the work he has done as the first citizen of our great city.

I am sure you will all know that John has served the city faithfully for over 17 years as a ward councillor and you will be aware that his vast experience and knowledge together with his love of our city have served him well during his year as the Lord Mayor. During the last 12 months he has worked tirelessly to represent and promote our wonderful city starting with his civic service at Leicester Cathedral which was attended by over 100 guests.

This year has been a momentous year for Leicester, in particular when the Lord Mayor joined dignitaries from across the county to receive the remains of King Richard III at Leicester Cathedral in March for the service of compline, reinterment and reveal. The service of compline was attended by the Duke of Gloucester whilst the Countess of Wessex and the Duke and

Duchess of Gloucester attended the service of reinterment. Guests from all over the world visited the city of Leicester on this unique occasion and it has indeed been a tremendous year for the city and our Lord Mayor.

There have also been many other highlights during the year including the Royal visit from Princess Anne who visited Satchels, the hand-made leather satchel manufacturer in Charter Street.

During the year John has hosted two homecoming parades for the return of troops from the 9th and 12th Royal Lancers and the Royal Anglian Regiment. There have also been several anniversaries such as the armed forces day service and parade and the World War I commemoration and the 74th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Various charity events including a 5 a side football match, sponsored rowing event, quiz evenings and the Lord Mayor's Black Tie charity dinner have been held to raise funds for the Lord Mayor's Appeal. This year the appeal supported 3 charities: the Leicester Sea Cadets, Prostrate Cancer UK and Silver Star Diabetes. Currently we have raised approximately £21,000 but in addition we are hoping to receive a significant donation from the Foxes Foundation.

Other significant events which John has attended as Lord Mayor include the Holocaust Memorial day in January this year and the Workers Memorial day ceremony which took place in the Town Hall Square in April.

Throughout the year 15 people have been made Hereditary Freemen of Leicester and 15 nominees have been presented with Honoured Citizens awards, in particular I would like to mention John Roberts the overall winner of the Honoured Citizen of the Year award, a former drug addict who has created the DVD entitled "Dear Albert" which captures his life and the extremely valuable work he is doing as a recovery consultant and I would thoroughly recommend everyone to make a point of seeing that video if you get the opportunity.

As Lord Mayor John has embraced the true diversity of our city and he has visited a total of 10 schools and 32 houses of faith including mosques, churches, temples, gurdwaras and other places of worship throughout the city.

Leicester has always welcomed visitors from abroad and John has welcomed overseas visitors from Denmark, France, Germany, India, Jamaica, Namibia and Spain during his mayoral year.

I would like also to pay tribute to those who have supported John as our Lord Mayor and no doubt he will have a few words to say on this subject himself. Throughout his term of office he has been most ably supported by Councillor Ted Cassidy the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Stephen Corrall the High Bailiff and last but by no means least by Margaret who as his consort has done such a magnificent job and been a great support to him during the

year, I know.

I think that you will agree that John has been a tremendous ambassador for our city and we have all been impressed by the enthusiasm and good humour, with which he has carried out his mayoral duties. We are all very grateful to him for the wonderful work he has done for this beloved city of ours.

In moving this resolution of thanks it is right that we all now join together to celebrate the service of Councillor John Thomas as the Lord Mayor, the first citizen of this great city of Leicester and thank him for his hard work, his commitment and the dignity he has brought to the office throughout his mayoral year as a Chair of our proceedings here in the Council.

Thank-you, my Lord Mayor.”

Councillor Rashmi Joshi

“My Lord Mayor, City Mayor, distinguished and honoured guests may I also take this opportunity in thanking you and also to congratulate you on the appointment of the Lord Mayor of Leicester city for the ensuing year. I know you will make a great Lord Mayor for this city and I am so very pleased that you have chosen Veejay Sharma as your consort and congratulations to you as well.

My Lord Mayor I second the motion proposed by Councillor Rita Patel.

Thank-you.”

ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULATORY AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

5. I move that the technical resolution regarding the formation of Committees as printed on the Council Script in italics, be approved.

Technical Resolution

(i) That the Employees Committee be established with the Terms of Reference and size as specified within the Council’s Constitution, with the process for the appointment of Chair and membership being in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

(ii) That the establishment of the Licensing Committee and Sub Committees be deferred but that Council agrees to permit the Licensing Committee and Enforcement and Hearings Sub Committees to meet if required, as presently constituted, in the intervening period with the change that Councillor Thomas be appointed as Chair for that period.

(ii) That the establishment of Scrutiny Committees, Council Committees and further Regulatory Committees together with the confirmation of the cycle of meetings be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Council.

DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

6. That the Annual Meeting in 2016, be held on 19 May 2016, that Council meet on Wednesday 24 February 2016 to consider the estimates for 2016/17, and that ordinary meetings of Council be held on the dates indicated on the Council Script:

18 June 2015

26 November 2015

17 March 2016

8 October 2015

21 January 2016

Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 6.09pm