



Leicester  
City Council

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Sir or Madam

I hereby summon you to a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL to be held at the Town Hall, on THURSDAY, 14 JULY 2016 at FIVE PAST FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon, for the business hereunder mentioned.

**Monitoring Officer**

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**AGENDA**  
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1. **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 17 March 2016 and the Annual Meeting on 19 May 2016 are available to view at:

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk:8071/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=81&MId=7254&Ver=4>

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#### **4. STATEMENTS BY THE CITY MAYOR/EXECUTIVE**

#### **5. PETITIONS**

- Presented by members of the public
- Presented by Councillors
- Petitions to be debated
  - 5.1 - Funding for the Leicestershire Ethnic Elderly Advocacy Project.

#### **6. QUESTIONS**

- From members of the public
- From Councillors

#### **7. MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL**

- 7.1 Leicester Waterside Phase 1 – Update of project and obtaining necessary approvals to proceed
- 7.2 Scheme of Member Allowances 2016/17 and 2017/18 - Application of Indexation.
- 7.3 The Leicester City Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 7.4 Call-in to Council – Connecting Leicester – Townscape Heritage Initiative Phase 1 and 2, design development of King Street and Welford Place improvement.

#### **8. REPORTS OF THE CITY MAYOR OR EXECUTIVE**

- 8.1 Sustainability Action Plan

#### **9. EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES**

- To note any changes to the Executive
- To vary the composition and fill any vacancies of any Committee of the Council

#### **10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

##### **1. Vaughan College**

Proposed by Councillor Riyait, seconded by Councillor Waddington:

“The University of Leicester is consulting on a proposal to close the Vaughan Centre for Lifelong Learning. Having moved this provision from the Vaughan College building back in 2013, the University gave public assurances that the future of Adult Education in the 'Vaughan' tradition would be protected.

For 150 years the working class people of Leicester and Leicestershire have had access to high quality education through Vaughan, and in recent years the Centre's programmes have enabled mature and part-time students to gain qualifications from one of the finest universities in the world. The university's support of Lifelong Learning has transformed lives and enhanced the local economy and social well-being of the region.

The local economic action plan recognises that we cannot be successful as a city and county if we do not have highly skilled people. The Vaughan Centre is fulfilling this aim with over 350 students enrolled, the majority who are women.

The Council calls on the University of Leicester to withdraw its proposals to close the Vaughan Centre and to engage in an open and transparent discussion about how we can all work together to protect adult education in the city and local region”.

## **2. Stand Together**

Proposed by the City Mayor, seconded by Councillor Sood:

“We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our city and country. Leicester city council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We will work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in the city that they are valued members of our community.”

## **3. Opposition to Forced Academisation**

Proposed by Councillor Russell seconded by Councillor Moore:

“This council meeting notes with great concern the proposal in the recently published education White Paper, *Educational Excellence Everywhere*, which could force all schools to become academies, irrespective of each school's wishes.

This council meeting notes that the White Paper’s proposals –

- would remove the requirement for schools to elect parent governors.
- would require the transfer of land and buildings of such schools to central ownership by the Secretary of State.

- do not include any say for parents and local communities over the future status of local schools.
- would require over 17,000 schools to conduct costly and lengthy conversion exercises at an estimated national cost of over £1billion.

This council meeting further notes –

- over 80 per cent of maintained schools have been rated good or excellent by Ofsted, while three times as many councils perform above the national average in terms of progress made by students than the largest academy chains.
- the invaluable role of parent governors and the local authority in acting as ‘critical friends’ to both support and hold to account head teachers and schools.
- the comments of The National Association of Head Teachers that plans to force every school to become an academy presented “a particularly high risk to the future viability and identity of small, rural, schools.”

This council meeting believes –

- no single system of school organisation has a monopoly on success, and that a one size fits all model as proposed by the White Paper would not deliver the improvement in school standards and outcomes that this council wishes to see.

This council meeting therefore resolves to –

- ask the City Mayor to write to the Secretary of State for Education expressing the concerns of the council as set out in this motion about the proposals to force all schools to become academies, asking her to demonstrate how the proposals will improve educational outcomes in Leicester.
- ask the City Mayor to write to our local MPs expressing the council’s concerns and to seek their views on the proposal.
- engage with head teachers, school governors, professional representatives, parents, and the wider local community to raise awareness of the Government’s proposals.”

## **11. ANY URGENT BUSINESS**

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