



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, 4 OCTOBER 2018 at FIVE O'CLOCK in the afternoon, for the business hereunder mentioned.

Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2018 are available to view at:

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk:8071/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=81&MId=8705&Ver=4>

Copies are also available from Democratic Support on (0116) 454 6350 or committees@leicester.gov.uk

4. STATEMENTS BY THE CITY MAYOR/EXECUTIVE

5. PETITIONS

- Presented by Members of the Public
- Presented by Councillors
- Petitions to be debated
- 5.1 - Remove the Evesham Road link road from the Local Plan

6. QUESTIONS

- From Members of the Public
- From Councillors

7. MATTERS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

7.1 Food Safety Service Plan 2018/19

7.2 Youth Justice Plan 2018/19

Note: Black and White copies of the reports are provided. Colour Pages can be viewed online or copies obtained from Democratic Support by phoning 0116 4546358.

8. EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES

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

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

a) Brexit

Proposed by the City Mayor, seconded by Councillor Myers:

This Council believes that:

“Leicester City Council is deeply concerned that, although two years have passed since the referendum, no agreement has yet been reached with the EU and there remains great uncertainty about the impact of Brexit on the well-being of the city, its economy and its people.

The Council calls on the government to give the British people an opportunity to vote on the acceptability or otherwise of the final terms of leaving the EU. “

b) Universal Credit

Proposed by Councillor Waddington, seconded by Councillor Master:

This Council believes that:

“Leicester City Council wishes to express strong concern about the impact of the roll out of Universal Credit. We are aware of the financial hardship experienced by many people and families who have been moved onto this new system of benefits.

The problems experienced include;-

- Long waits for payments and the requirement to repay advanced UC ‘loans’
- An increase in rent and council tax arrears
- Increased use of sanctions leaving people without adequate resources
- Difficulties with the complex online application and follow up
- Lower rates of financial support impacting particularly on people with disabilities or long term illnesses and upon single parent families.

The Council will within its resources seek to help those adversely affected by the roll out of Universal Credit in Leicester by;-

- Ensuring that there are sufficient welfare rights advisers who are accessible to all claimants who need help in making their on line claims, chasing up late and inaccurate payments, appealing adverse decisions and providing debt management support.
- Providing support to food banks who are helping more people as a result of the roll out of Universal Credit
- Agreeing not to evict Council tenants who are in arrears with their rent as a consequence of late, inaccurate or postponed UC payments and urging other landlords to do the same.
- Ensuring that the LCC hardship grants are sufficient and accessible to help those adversely affected by UC to enable them to meet their basic needs for things like electricity, gas, rent, council tax bills, clothing and food.
- Reviewing the use of bailiffs and debt recovery agents where UC has contributed to the problems faced by those in debt.

Despite all of the above measures Leicester City Council is aware that the implementation of a Full Service Universal Credit system in the City is likely to prove seriously detrimental to the health and well being of thousands of local residents.

We will write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions asking for the system to be redesigned so that it removes the risks of increasing poverty and hardship identified in this motion.”

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Fire & Emergency Evacuation Procedure

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Meeting Arrangements

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- ✓ where filming, to only focus on those people actively participating in the meeting;
- ✓ where filming, to (via the Chair of the meeting) ensure that those present are aware that they may be filmed and respect any requests to not be filmed.