



Leicester  
City Council

At a meeting of the LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL held at the Town Hall at FOUR FIFTY PM in the afternoon on Wednesday, 19 FEBRUARY 2020 duly convened for the business hereunder mentioned.

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**BUSINESS**

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1. **LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN**
  - 3 (a) **HONORARY ALDERMEN – NOMINATION CRITERIA**
  - 3 (b) **APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN**

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**PRESENT:**

**ANNETTE BYRNE, LORD MAYOR**  
**CHAIRMAN**

SIR PETER SOULSBY – CITY MAYOR

**Abbey Ward**

MANJIT KAUR SAINI  
VIJAY SINGH RIYAIT

**Aylestone Ward**

ADAM CLARKE  
NIGEL CARL PORTER

**Beaumont Leys Ward**

HEMANT RAE BHATIA  
VI DEMPSTER  
PAUL THOMAS WESTLEY

**Belgrave Ward**

PADMINI CHAMUND  
NITA SOLANKI  
MAHENDRA VALAND

**Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields**

SUE BARTON  
ELAINE HALFORD

**Castle Ward**

DANNY MYERS

**Evington Ward**

DEEPAK BAJAJ  
RATILAL BHAGWAN GOVIND

**Eyres Monsell Ward**

ELAINE PANTLING  
KAREN PICKERING

**North Evington Ward**

LUIS FONSECA  
RASHMIKANT JOSHI

**Rushey Mead Ward**

RITA PATEL  
ROSS WILLMOTT

**Saffron Ward**

ELLY CUTKELVIN

**Spinney Hills Ward**

MISBAH BATOOL

**Stoneygate Ward**

KIRK MASTER  
SHARMEN RAHMAN

**Thurncourt Ward**

TERESA ALDRED  
STEPHAN GEE

**Troon Ward**

**Westcotes Ward**

JACKY NANGREAVE  
SARAH RUSSELL

Fosse Ward

TED CASSIDY  
SUE WADDINGTON

Humberstone and Hamilton Ward

RUMA ALI  
GURINDER SINGH SANDHU  
JOHN THOMAS

Knighton Ward

DR LYNN MOORE  
GEOFF WHITTLE

Western Ward

LINDSAY BROADWELL  
GEORGE COLE  
GARY O'DONNELL

Wycliffe Ward

HANIF AQBANY  
MOHAMMED DAWOOD

### **53. LORD MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Councillor Jean Khote

The Lord Mayor reflected upon the sad news regarding Councillor Jean Khote who passed away on 13<sup>th</sup> February following a period of ill health. The Lord Mayor noted that Jean was a well-liked Councillor who was determined in her efforts to make a difference for the people of her North Evington ward. Jean would be dearly missed by her family, all Councillors and the communities of North Evington.

The City Mayor also spoke about Jean's efforts in serving the people of her ward and the city. She also had the ability to express her opinions and make her voice heard. She would be sadly missed by her family, the people of her ward and her contribution to the city as a whole.

Council stood for a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Jean Khote.

#### Royal Visit

The Lord Mayor reported back on the successful visit to Leicester Market by His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Cornwall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

The visit focussed on the outdoor market and Market Square, where 90 schoolchildren from the Spark Arts Festival performed on stage.

His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales also unveiled a commemorative plaque to formally name the square as Green Dragon Square.

#### Lord Mayor's Spring Ball

The Lord Mayor reminded Council about her forthcoming spring ball to be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Devonshire Place. All were invited to attend.

#### Lady Mayoress' Coffee Morning

The Lord Mayor also reminded Council about the forthcoming coffee morning on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April to be held the Town Hall.

### **54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Lord Mayor invited Members to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda.

There were no declarations.

### **55. HONORARY ALDERMEN - NOMINATION CRITERIA**

Moved by Councillor Riyait, seconded by Councillor Cole and carried:

That the amendments to the nomination criteria for the title of Honorary Aldermen indicated in paragraph 5.4 of the report be approved.

### **56. APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN**

Moved by Councillor Riyait, seconded by Councillor Cole and carried:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with the Council's policy on the Appointment of Honorary Aldermen, to consider proposals to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on the following former members of the City Council, it be confirmed that:-

Dawn Alfonso;  
Harshad Bhavsar;  
Virginia Cleaver;  
Dr Shofiquel Chowdhury;  
Peter Coley;  
Iqbal Desai;  
Inderjit Gugnani;  
Lynn Senior; and  
Malcolm Unsworth

be each appointed as an Honorary Alderman of the Leicester City Council.

**57. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 4.59pm.