

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD AT CIVIC SUITE, BROCKS HILL COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY, LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON TUESDAY, 16 JULY 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT

J K Chohan Deputy Mayor, in the Chair
J Kaufman Deputy Mayor's Assistant



Meeting ID: 2697

COUNCILLORS

S S Athwal
L A Bentley Deputy Leader of the Council
G A Boulter
M H Charlesworth
H E Darling
M L Darr
J K Ford
D A Gamble
F S Ghattoraya
C S Gore Leader of the Opposition
S Z Haq Leader of the Council
G G Hunt
P Joshi
R V Joshi
C J R Martin
R E R Morris

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S J Ball Legal & Democratic Services Manager / (Acting) Monitoring Officer
Z Bradford Safety & Resilience Officer
A E Court Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service
S Khan Interim Strategic Director
C Warren Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer

13. CALLING TO ORDER OF THE MEETING

The meeting of the Council was called to order to receive Her Worship the Deputy Mayor.

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Her Worship The Mayor, Councillor C D Kozlowski, and Councillors R H Adams, N Alam, L M Broadley, F S Broadley, K J Loydall, I K Ridley and C A M Walter.

It was moved by Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor M H Charlesworth and

CONTRARY TO THE ADVICE GIVEN BY THE (ACTING) MONITORING OFFICER, UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

In accordance with custom and tradition, and suspending Rule 16 of Part 4 of Section 1 of the Council's Constitution (Council Procedure Rules), Councillor J Kaufman be appointed as an Assistant to the Deputy Mayor (in the Chair) for

the duration of this meeting only.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

Councillor S S Athwal entered the Civic Suite at 7:10 pm.

16. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

16a. TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2024

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 April 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.

16b. TUESDAY, 14 MAY 2024 | AGM (2024/25)

The Leader of the Opposition requested that minute item 10 of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 14 May 2024 be amended to reflect the defeated motion made in relation to two proposed appointments of Chairs to two Council bodies.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 14 May 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and approved (as amended).

17. ACTION LIST(S) ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

There was no Action List(s) arising from the previous meeting(s).

18. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None.

19. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

None.

20. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made on behalf of the Mayor, other than to wish her on behalf of all Members and Officers a full and speedy recovery.

20a. OFFICIAL MAYORAL / DEPUTY MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

By affirmation of the meeting, it was:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The list of Official Engagements attended by The Mayor and/or Deputy Mayor be noted.

21. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader of the Council presented a Statement outlining her recent work, the administration's plans and an overview of recent decisions taken since the previous meeting of the Council, together with fielding questions in relation to her Statement.

The Leader spoke upon her aspirations and approach to collaborative working with (amongst others) the newly-elected Government and the newly-established Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government following the outcome of the UK Parliamentary (General) Election on 4 July 2024, particular in relation to fairer local government financing, governance and other arrangements and provisions.

22. CORPORATE STRATEGY (2024 - 2027)

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 13 - 36 of the agenda reports pack) which provided the Council with an updated Corporate Strategy for 2024-2027 ("the Strategy") for approval.

It was moved by the Leader of the Opposition, seconded by Councillor J K Ford and

DEFEATED THAT:

- (i) The Corporate Strategy (2024-2027) (as set out at Appendix 1 to the report) be approved; subject to**
- (ii) Additional wording be added to bullet point 'Car parking arrangements that meet the needs of residents, businesses and visitors with the long term aim of providing free parking' (emphasis added) (at page 4 of the Strategy and page 19 of the agenda reports pack)**

Votes For	7
Votes Against	9
Abstentions	2

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, seconded by the Deputy Leader of the Council and

RESOLVED THAT:

The Corporate Strategy (2024-2027) (as set out at Appendix 1 to the report) be approved (without amendment).

Votes For	10
Votes Against	6
Abstentions	2

23. COUNCIL PRODUCTIVITY PLAN (2024/25)

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 37 - 42 of the agenda reports pack) which sought approval of the Council's Productivity Plan for 2024/25 ("the Plan").

Councillor M L Darr left the Civic Suite at 7:59 pm.

It was moved by Councillor G A Boulter, seconded by Councillor S S Athwal

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) **The proposed Council's Productivity Plan (2024/25) (as set out at Appendix 1 to the report) be endorsed and approved; and**
- (ii) **The Plan's subsequent submission to the (now) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government as required by the deadline of 19 July 2024 be noted.**

24. HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REVIEW (2023/2024)

Councillor M L Darr returned to the Civic Suite at 8:04 pm.

The Council gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 43 - 55 of the agenda reports pack) which asked it to approve the Full Health and Safety Annual Report for 2023/24 and the revised Health and HS.00.P1 Health and Safety Policy and Statement.

It was moved by Councillor C J R Martin, seconded by Councillor G G Hunt and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) **The Full Health and Safety Annual Report (2023/24) (as set out at Appendix 1 to the report) be approved; and**
- (ii) **The HS.001.P1 Health and Safety Policy and Statement (June 2024) (as set out at Appendix 2 to the report) be approved.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.14 pm