

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD BY REMOTE VIDEO
CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY, 30 MARCH 2021 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT (BY REMOTE LINK)

Mrs L Eaton JP Mayor
Mrs L Kaufman Deputy Mayor



COUNCILLORS

Mrs R H Adams
N Alam
L A Bentley
G A Boulter
J W Boyce Leader of the Council
Mrs L M Broadley
D M Carter
M H Charlesworth Deputy Leader of the Council
M L Darr
D A Gamble
Mrs S Z Haq
Miss P V Joshi Leader of the Opposition
J Kaufman
Ms C D Kozlowski
K J Loydall
D W Loydall
Mrs S B Morris

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE (BY REMOTE LINK)

S J Ball Assistant Solicitor
Miss E Byrne Democratic Services Officer
C Campbell Head of Finance / Deputy Section 151 Officer
Mrs A E Court Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service
Mrs P Fisher Head of Customer Service & Transformation
D M Gill Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer
Ms M A Kind Corporate Asset Manager
A Thorpe Head of Built Environment
S Tucker Democratic & Electoral Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer
J Wells Senior Environmental Health Officer / COVID-19 Lead

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE (BY REMOTE LINK)

L Faulkner Independent Remuneration Panel

53. CALLING TO ORDER OF THE MEETING

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

54. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors F S Broadley, R F Eaton, F S Ghattoraya, Miss A Kaur, Mrs H E Loydall, R E R Morris and Dr I K Ridley.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor K J Loydall declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to item 12 of the agenda, insofar as he was an acquaintance of Independent Remuneration Panel Members Mr Laurie Faulkner and Mr John Whiting, having sat together in the Magistrates' Court.

Councillor Mrs L Eaton JP declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to item 12 of the agenda, insofar as she was also an acquaintance of Mr Laurie Faulkner, having sat together in the Magistrates' Court.

Councillor D A Gamble declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to item 15 of the agenda, insofar as he is employed by a major retailer with a presence in one of the Borough's Town Centres.

Councillor D W Loydall declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to item 18 of the agenda, insofar as he is a member and former employee of a business affected by the proposals.

56. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 February 2020 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

56a. PERSONAL STATEMENT

Councillor M H Charlesworth made a personal statement to the Council apologising for comments made during the previous meeting held on 18 February 2021, which he acknowledged were in breach of the Member/Officer Protocol.

57. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no action list arising from the previous meeting held on 18 February 2021.

58. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None.

59. PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

None.

60. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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60a. LIST OF OFFICIAL MAYORAL / DEPUTY MAYORAL ENGAGEMENTS

By affirmation of the meeting, it was:

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The continued suspension of all civic engagements undertaken by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic be noted.

61. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader of the Council presented a Statement outlining his recent work, the administration's plans and an overview of recent decisions taken since the previous meeting of the Council.

It was confirmed that the date of the Annual General Meeting would be brought forward to Tuesday, 4 May 2021 in order to enable it to take place remotely prior to the expiry of the relevant Remote Meeting Regulations on Friday, 7 May 2021.

62. CORPORATE PLAN (2019-2024) | 2021/22 UPDATE

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 3-41 of the agenda update, which asked it to approve the updated Corporate Plan (2019-2024) for implementation from 1 April 2021.

It was moved by The Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor K J Loydall and

RESOLVED THAT:

The update for the Corporate Plan (2019-2024) for the period 2021/22 (as set out at Appendix 1) be approved and implemented as from 1 April 2021.

Votes For: 18
Votes Against: 1
Abstentions: 0

63. REVIEW OF HEALTH AND SAFETY (2019-21)

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 15-28 of the agenda, which asked it to approve the Health and Safety Report for the two years 2019/20 and 2020/21 and approve the revised Health and Safety Policy and Statement.

It was moved by Councillor Mrs R H Adams, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition and

RESOLVED THAT:

- (i) The Health and Safety Report for 2019-21 (as set out at Appendix 1) be approved; and**
- (ii) The Health and Safety Policy and Statement for March 2021 (as set out at Appendix 2) be approved.**

Votes For: 18
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

64. SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES (2021/22)

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 29-40 of the agenda, which asked it to adopt a Members' Allowance Scheme for the financial year 2021/22.

It was moved by the Leader of the Council , seconded by Councillor K J Loydall JP and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2021/22 as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel be adopted.

65. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (REGULATION OF DOGS) 2021

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 41-69 of the agenda, which asked it to approve, on the recommendation of the Licensing & Regulatory Committee, the Public Space Protection Order (Regulation of Dogs) 2021 (as set out at Appendix 2 of the report).

It was moved by Councillor Mrs L M Broadley, seconded by Councillor L A Bentley and

RESOLVED THAT:

The Public Space Protection Order (Regulation of Dogs) 2021 be approved.

Votes For: 17
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 2

66. ADOPTION OF PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (2021)

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 70-207 of the agenda, which asked it to approve the Public Realm Strategy Supplementary Planning Document for adoption.

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor D M Carter and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Public Realm Strategy Supplementary Planning Document be adopted.

67. LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND RELATING TO HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT LAND NEEDS (MARCH 2021)

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 208-248 of the agenda, which asked it to give approval for the Borough Council to sign the Leicester & Leicestershire Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs (March 2021).

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor J Kaufman and

RESOLVED THAT:

Approval be given for the Borough Council to sign the Leicester & Leicestershire Statement of Common Ground relating to Housing and Employment Land Needs (March 2021).

Votes For: 17

Votes Against: 1

Abstentions: 1

68. PROPOSED CAR PARK STRATEGY (2021-2026)

Councillor L M Broadley left the meeting at 21:11 pm
Councillor M H Charlesworth left the meeting at 21:27 pm
Councillor Ms C D Kozlowski left the meeting at 21:38 pm
Councillor L A Bentley left the Meeting at 21:43 pm

The Council gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 249-262 of the agenda, which asked it to approve the draft Car Park Strategy (2021-2026) going out for public consultation from 1 April 2021.

An amendment to the recommendation was moved by the Leader of the Council, proposing that the launch of the public consultation be delayed to 15 May 2021 to enable further scoping work to be carried out on the feasibility of free 'ultra' short-stay bays for shoppers running a single errand.

The recommendation (as amended) was moved by the Leader of the Council, seconded by Councillor D M Carter and put to the vote. It was

RESOLVED THAT:

The draft Car Park Strategy (2021-2026) be approved to go out for public consultation from 15 May 2021.

Votes For: 17

Votes Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

69. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (Exempt Information) during consideration of the item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph(s) 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exempt item(s) outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

70. PROPOSED COMMERCIAL CAR PARK CHARGES (EXEMPT)

The Council gave consideration to the exempt report as set out on pages 263-282 of the agenda.

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

RESOLVED THAT:

Recommendations A - F be approved.

Votes For: 15
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 1

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.48 PM



Mayor

Tuesday, 13 July 2021

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