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**ORDER PAPER, QUESTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE CABINET,
BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

- Order Paper and Questions (Pages 3 – 10)
11. Appointments in accordance with item 11 of Standing Order 4:
- (a) To appoint the Leader (and to note the members which the Leader proposes to appoint to the Cabinet); (Page 11 – 12)
12. Political Balance and appointments in accordance with item 12 and 13 of Standing Order 4
- (a) Political balance and allocation of Committee Seats – Supplementary Report of the Chief Executive; (Pages 13 – 16)
- (b) To appoint members of the Scrutiny Commission, Board and Committees; (Pages 17 – 26)



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MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 2025 AT 2.00 P.M.

ORDER PAPER

EVACUATION PROCEDURE

In the event of having to evacuate officers will be able to advise and be on hand to assist any disabled persons.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1
TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN

MR D HARRISON will move and MR BOAM will second:

“That MR PAUL HARRISON be elected Chairman for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

MRS TAYLOR will move and MR SMITH will second:

“That MR JOE ORSON be elected Chairman for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

In accordance with item 4 of Standing Order 27 a secret ballot will take place.

On being elected the Chairman will read out and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which will be witnessed and signed by the Chief Executive.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2
TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN

THE CHAIRMAN will invite nominations.

MR D HARRISON will move and MR BOAM will second:

“That MR ANDREW HAMILTON-GRAY be elected Vice Chairman for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

MRS TAYLOR will move and MR SMITH will second:

“That MRS BRENDA SEATON be elected Vice Chairman for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.”

In accordance with item 4 of Standing Order 27 a secret ballot will take place.

On being elected, the Vice-Chairman will read out and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office which will be witnessed and signed by the Chief Executive.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The CHAIRMAN will make his announcements.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4
REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
(Pages 3 – 20)

The CHIEF EXECUTIVE will present the report of the Returning Officer on the persons duly elected to the County Council at the election held on 1 May 2025.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5
MINUTES
(Pages 21 - 34)

The CHAIRMAN will move and the VICE CHAIRMAN will second:

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19th February 2025, copies of which have been circulated to members, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The CHAIRMAN will invite members who wish to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7
QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1) (2) & (5)

(A) Question by MR BRAY

“Congratulations to the new Leader on their election.

With local government facing significant upheaval in the coming years, would the new Leader commit the council to re-joining the Local Government Association (LGA) better to ensure the council's voice is heard at national level and open up access to LGA seminars and other resources which will benefit all councillors, especially newly elected members.”

Reply by MR HARRISON

“Thank you for your question. Any request for additional funding which is not budgeted for will need to demonstrate value for money. I will consider your request on that basis and let you know the outcome.”

(B) Question by MR BOOLS

"The previous administration withdrew the subsidy causing the 159 bus to be removed from service. The 159 served Stapleton, Barlestone, Barwell, Newbold Verdon, Ellistown, Ibstock and Coalville. This decision has left a number of communities isolated with people no longer able to access work and essential services.

Will the new administration review this decision and enter into discussions with potential operators to reinstate the service?"

Reply by MR HARRISON

"Thank you for your question. As a new administration I would prefer to understand the Council's current policy on public transport before considering any local requests for subsidy, particularly in the context of the level of demand, alternative provision and budgetary implications. I hope to do so soon."

(C) Question by MR WALKER

"Can the Leader outline what discussions have been had regarding the installation of a 5G mast on County Council land on Rugby Road, Burbage. What is the process for engaging local members and what income will the County Council receive for its land being used this way?"

Reply by MR HARRISON

"Thank you for your question. Having been elected Leader of my Group only this week I have not had the opportunity to look into this particular installation, although I have had experience of similar concerns in North West Leicestershire. I will provide a written response as soon as possible."

(D) Question by MS PENDLEBURY

"For the past several years there have been significant issues with speeding along the Northern Perimeter Road in Hinckley between Ashby Road and Roston Drive. This has resulted in two tragic fatalities and life changing injuries of young people last year and many accidents prior and subsequent to this. It is evident that, due to the lack of enforceable restrictions, this road continues to be used for speeding with reports recently of vehicles running up and down late at night.

Will the new Administration commit to investing in the future safety of Hinckley residents especially its children crossing this road to get to school and prevent further tragedies from occurring by putting in place speed cameras along this stretch?"

Reply by MR HARRISON

"Thank you for your question. Having been elected Leader of my Group only this

week, I have not had the opportunity to look into any particular road safety matter of concern, although I note what you say about the history of this location. I will provide you with a written response as soon as possible.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8
TO RECEIVE POSITION STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

There are no position statements.

AGENDA ITEM NO.9
REPORTS OF THE CABINET
(Pages 35-36)

Principal Speakers:
Mover of motion (as appropriate)
Leader of the Opposition (Mr M Mullaney)

(A) DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2025/26 AND 2026/27

MRS TAYLOR will move and MR POLAND will second:

“That Council meetings in 2025/26 and 2026/27 be held on the following dates:

- Wednesday 2 July 2025
- Wednesday 24 September 202
- Wednesday 3 December 2025
- Wednesday 18 February 2026 (to consider the budget)
- Wednesday 13 May 2026 (Annual meeting)
- Wednesday 1 July 2026
- Wednesday 23 September 2026
- Wednesday 2 December 2026
- Wednesday 17 February 2027 (to consider the budget)
- Wednesday 12 May 2027 (Annual meeting)”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10
REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
(Pages 37 - 48)

Principal Speakers:
Acting Chairman (Mrs D Taylor)
Liberal Democrat Spokesman (Mr M T Mullaney)

(A) REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

MRS TAYLOR will move and MR POLAND will second:

- “(a) That the Chairman of the Local Pension Committee receive a Special Responsibility Allowance of £5,209.00 per annum.

- (b) That the new Special Responsibility Allowances for the Chairmen of the Local Pension Committee and Board be index linked on an annual basis in accordance the level of indexation set out in the Members' Allowance Scheme.
- (c) That the new Special Responsibility Allowances for the Chairmen of the Local Pension Committee and Board be index linked on an annual basis in accordance the level of indexation set out in the Members' Allowance Scheme.
- (d) That the current levels of Travel and Subsistence allowances remain unchanged."

AGENDA ITEM NO.11

APPOINTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEMS 11 OF STANDING ORDER 4

(A) TO APPOINT THE LEADER

Motion 1

MR BOAM will move and MR ABBOTT will second: -

"That Mr DAN HARRISON be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the next Annual Meeting of the Council."

Motion 2

MR D HARRISON will move and MR ABBOTT will second: -

"That it be noted that the Leader proposes to appoint the members named on List '1' attached to the Order Paper as members of the Cabinet."

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12

APPOINTMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEMS 12 AND 13 OF STANDING ORDER 4

(A) POLITICAL BALANCE AND ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE SEATS – REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(Pages 49 – 52)

MR ABBOTT will move and MR POLAND will second:

- "(a) That the Council's political balance following the results of the local election held on 1 May 2025 be noted;
- (b) That the allocation of seats on those committees subject to political balance arrangements be approved."

(B) TO APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Motion 1 (noting that two lists have been received)

MR ABBOTT will move and MR BRAY will second:

“That the membership of the Scrutiny Commission, Boards and Committees as set out in List ‘2’ and the Chairmen Elect and Spokespersons named in List ‘3A’ attached to the Order Paper be approved.”

Mr POLAND will move and MRS TAYLOR will second:

“That the membership of the Scrutiny Commission, Boards and Committees as set out in List ‘2’ and the Chairmen Elect and Spokespersons named in List ‘3B’ attached to the Order Paper be approved.”

Motion 2

MR ABBOTT will move and MR POLAND will second:

“That the Chief Executive be authorised to make and terminate appointments to the Commission, committees, boards and other County Council bodies (not including the Cabinet) in accordance with the wishes of the Political Groups to whom the seat in question has been allocated, subject in the case of those bodies set out in List ‘2’ to the Group giving one day’s notice to the Chief Executive of its wishes.”

(C) TO APPOINT INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
(Pages 53 – 54)

MR ABBOTT will move and MR POLAND will second:

“That Mr G. Grimes and Mr J. Pilgrim be appointed to serve as independent members of the Corporate Governance Committee for a term of four years up to the May annual Council meeting in 2029”

(D) TO APPOINT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
(Pages 55 – 56)

MR ABBOTT will move and MR POLAND will second:

“That Canon Carolyn Shoyer be appointed as Church of England representative on the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or other appropriate scrutiny committee dealing with Education) for the period ending with the County Council elections in 2029.”

- (E) **TO APPOINT PARENT GOVERNOR REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**
(Pages 57 - 58)

MR ABBOTT will move and MR POLAND will second:

“That Adina Murataj and Emily Greasley be appointed as co-opted members of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or other appropriate scrutiny committee dealing with Education) for the period ending with the County Council elections in 2029.”

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LIST 1**THE LEADER**

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL: Mr D Harrison CC

THE CABINET

The Leader (elect) has given notice that he proposes to appoint the following members to serve on the Cabinet.

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL: Mr J Boam CC

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET¹:

1. Mrs H Butler CC
2. Mr C Pugsley (Lead Member for Children and Family Services)
3. Mr C Whitford CC
4. Mr H Fowler CC
5. Mr M Squires CC
6. Mr A Tilbury CC
7. Mr V Richichi CC

¹ Cabinet size can be between 3 and 10 members.

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

POLITICAL BALANCE AND ALLOCATION OF COMMITTEE SEATS

Introduction

1. The purpose of this supplementary report is to set out the allocation of seats on committees subject to political balance arrangements. This information was not available at the time when the agenda for this meeting was circulated.

Background

2. The legal requirements have previously been set out in the main report.

Committee Size and Allocation of Seats

3. In order to reconstitute the Council's committees in accordance with the committee structure set out in the Council's Constitution as currently drafted, the Council must determine the number of members to serve on each committee and the allocation of committee places between the political groups.
4. In accordance with the legislation, the Council is under a duty to apply the following principles to the allocation of seats as far as is reasonably practicable:
 - (a) that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;
 - (b) that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership;
 - (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority; and
 - (d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority.
5. The size of each Committee and allocation of seats is as follows:

Committee	Reform	Cons	Lib Dem	Lab	Green	Ind	Total
Scrutiny Commission	6	4	3	0	0	0	13
Adults and Communities OSC	6	4	3	0	0	0	13
Children and Families OSC	6	4	2	0	0	1	13
Environment and Climate Change OSC	6	3	2	1	1	0	13
Health OSC	6	3	3	1	0	0	13
Highways and Transport OSC	6	4	3	0	0	0	13
DCRB	6	3	3	1	0	0	13
Constitution Committee	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
Employment Committee	6	3	2	1	0	1	13
Local Pension Committee	2	2	1	0	0	0	5
Corporate Governance Committee	6	3	2	1	1	0	13

Membership of Committees

6. The lists setting out membership of the Scrutiny Commission, Boards and Committees (including the naming of Spokesmen/Spokespersons) is the subject of a separate agenda item and will be attached to the Order Paper and tabled on the day of the Council meeting.

Resource Implications

7. There are no resources implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Equality Implications

8. There are no discernible equality implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Human Rights Implications

9. There are no discernible human rights implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

(Motion to be moved: -

(a) That the Council's political balance following the results of the local election held on 1 May 2025 be noted;

(b) That the allocation of seats on those committees subject to political balance arrangements be approved.)

Background Papers

The Constitution of the County Council

<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1187&MId=8155&Ver=4&Info=1>

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MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**SCRUTINY COMMISSION (13)**

Reform (6)		Conservative (4)		Liberal Democrat (3)		Labour (0)	Green (0)	Independent (0)
1	Mr J Bloxham	1	Mrs D Taylor	1	Mr M Mullaney			
2	Mr A Innes	2	Mr P King	2	Mr S Galton			
3	Ms K Knight	3	Mr J Poland	3	Mr M Durrani			
4	Mr K Robinson	4	Mr O O'Shea					
5	Mr B Piper							
6	Ms L Danks							

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES 13)**A. ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES (13)**

Reform (6)		Conservative (4)		Liberal Democrat (3)		Labour (0)	Green (0)	Independent (0)
1	Ms K Knight	1	Mr P King	1	Mrs L Broadley			
2	Mr G Cooke	2	Mrs R Page	2	Dr S Hill			
3	Mr P Rudkin	3	Mr N Chapman	3	Mr N Holt			
4	Mr A Thorp	4	Mr B Lovegrove					
5	Mr P Morris							
6	Mr A Innes							

B. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (13)

Reform (6)		Conservative (4)		Liberal Democrat (2)		Labour (0)	Green (0)	Independent (1)	
1	Mr J McDonald	1	Mrs D Taylor	1	Mr M Bools			1	Mr M Charlesworth
2	Mr K Crook	2	Mr D Page	2	Ms A Pendlebury				
3	Ms L Danks	3	Mrs B Seaton						
4	Ms K Knight	4	Mr C Smith						
5	Mr B Piper								
6	Mr K Robinson								

C. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE (13)

Reform (6)		Conservative (3)		Liberal Democrat (2)		Labour (1)		Green (1)		Independent (1)	
1	Mr K Robinson	1	Mr N Chapman	1	Ms A Pendlebury	1	Ms B Gray	1	Ms N Bottomley		
2	Mr G Cooke	2	Mr J Melen	2	Dr S Hill						
3	Mr P Rudkin	3	Mr C Smith								
4	Mr A Thorp										
5	Mr P Morris										
6	Mr J Bloxham										

D. HEALTH (13)

Reform (6)	Conservative (3)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Labour (1)	Green (0)	Independent (0)
1 Mr J McDonald	1 Mr J Poland	1 Dr S Hill	1 Mr J Miah		
2 Mr K Crook	2 Mr P King	2 Mr M Bools			
3 Ms L Danks	3 Mr S Bradshaw	3 Mr M Durrani			
4 Ms K Knight					
5 Mr B Piper					
6 Mr K Robinson					

E. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT (13)

Reform (6)	Conservative (4)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Labour (0)	Green (0)	Independent (0)
1 Mr B Piper	1 Mr O O'Shea	1 Mr N Holt			
2 Mr G Cooke	2 Mr S Bradshaw	2 Mr M Mullaney			
3 Mr P Rudkin	3 Mr B Lovegrove	3 Mr B Walker			
4 Mr A Thorp	4 Mr C Smith				
5 Mr P Morris					
6 Mr J Bloxham					

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND REGULATORY BOARD (13)

Reform (6)	Conservative (3)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Labour (1)	Green (0)	Independent (0)
1 Mr J McDonald	1 Mr D Grimley	1 Mr D Gamble	1 Mr J Miah		
2 Mr K Crook	2 Mr R Bailey	2 Mr S Bray			
3 Ms L Danks	3 Mr B Lovegrove	3 Mr B Walker			
4 Ms K Knight					
5 Mr B Piper					
6 Mr K Robinson					

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE (3)

Reform (1)	Conservative (1)	Liberal Democrat (1)	Labour (0)	Green (0)	Independent (0)
1 Mr D Harrison	1 Mrs D Taylor	1 Mr M Mullaney			

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE (13)

Reform (6)	Conservative (3)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Labour (1)	Green (0)	Independent (1)
1 Ms H Butler	1 Mr O O'Shea	1 Mrs L Broadley	1 Mr J Miah		1 Mr M Charlesworth
2 Mr G Cooke	2 Mr B Lovegrove	2 Mr S Galton			
3 Mr P Rudkin	3 Mrs B Seaton				
4 Mr A Thorp					
5 Mr P Morris					
6 Mr A Innes					

LOCAL PENSION COMMITTEE (5)

Reform (2)

- 1 Mr K Crook
- 2 Mr B Piper

Conservative (2)

- 1 Mr P King
- 2 Mr D Grimley

Liberal Democrat (1)

- 1 Mr M Durrani

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (13)

Reform (6)

- 1 Mr G Cooke
- 2 Mr J McDonald
- 3 Mr K Crook
- 4 Ms L Danks
- 5 Ms K Knight
- 6 Mr B Piper

Conservative (3)

- 1 Mr J Orson
- 2 Mr D Page
- 3 Mr S Bradshaw

Liberal Democrat (2)

- 1 Mr S Bray
- 2 Mr M Bools

Labour (1)

- 1 Mr J Miah

Green (1)

- 1 Ms N Bottomley

Independent (0)

Committee places (125)

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LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMEN AND GROUP SPOKEPERSONS

	Reform		Conservative	Liberal Democrat
Scrutiny Commission¹ Commissioners	Mr J Bloxham	Mr A Innes	Mrs D Taylor	Mr M Mullaney

Overview and Scrutiny²		Reform Spokesperson	Conservative Spokesperson	Liberal Democrat Spokesperson	Labour Spokesperson
A	Adults and Communities	Ms K Knight (Chair elect)	Mr P King	Mrs L Broadley	
B	Children and Families	Ms L Danks	Mrs D Taylor	Mr M Bools (Chair elect)	
C	Environment and Climate Change	Mr K Robinson (Chair Elect)	Mr N Chapman	Ms A Pendlebury	Ms B Gray
D	Health	Mr K Crook	Mr J Poland	Dr S Hill (Chair elect)	Mr J Miah
E	Highways and Transport	Mr B Piper (Chair elect)	Mr O O'Shea	Mr N Holt	

Regulatory Bodies	Reform Spokesperson	Conservative Spokesperson	Liberal Democrat Spokesperson	Labour Spokesperson
Development Control and Regulatory Board	Mr J McDonald	Mr D Grimley	Mr D Gamble	
Constitution Committee	Mr D Harrison	Mrs D Taylor	Mr M Mullaney	
Employment Committee	Mrs H Butler	Mr O O'Shea	Mrs L Broadley	Mr J Miah
Local Pension Committee	Mr K Crook	Mr P King	Mr M Durrani	
Corporate Governance Committee	Mr G Cooke	Mr J Orson	Mr S Bray	Mr J Miah

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