

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNTY HALL, GLENFIELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER
2025**

PRESENT

Mr. P. Harrison CC (in the Chair)

Mr. C. Abbott CC, Mr. R. Bailey CC, Dr. J. Bloxham CC, Mr. J. Boam CC, Mrs. N. Bottomley CC, Mr. S. Bradshaw CC, Mr. S. L. Bray CC, Mrs. L. Broadley CC, Miss H. Butler CC, Mr. N. Chapman CC, Mr. M. H. Charlesworth CC, Mr. G. Cooke CC, Mr. K. Crook CC, Mrs. L. Danks CC, Mr. M. Durrani CC, Mr. M. R. England CC, Mr. H. Fowler CC, Mr. S. J. Galton CC, Ms. B. Gray CC, Mr. D. J. Grimley CC, Mr. A. Hamilton-Gray CC, Mr. D. Harrison CC, Dr. S. Hill CC, Mr. N. Holt CC, Mr. A. Innes CC, Mr. P. King CC, Mrs. K. Knight CC, Mr. J. McDonald CC, Mr. J. Melen CC, Mr. J. Miah CC, Mr. P. Morris CC, Mr. M. T. Mullaney CC, Mr. O. O'Shea JP CC, Mr. J. T. Orson CC, Mrs. R. Page CC, Ms. A. Pendlebury CC, Mr. B. Piper CC, Mr J. Poland CC, Mr. C. Pugsley CC, Mr. K. Robinson CC, Mr. P. Rudkin CC, Mr. C. A. Smith CC, Mr. M. Squires CC, Mrs D. Taylor CC, Mr. A. Tilbury CC, Mr. B. Walker CC and Mr. C. Whitford CC

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

All members declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the Notice of Motion on Local Government Reorganisation. The Corporate Governance Committee on 23 June approved a dispensation for all members to allow them to take part in any discussion and vote on any matter relating to the office they hold at the County Council, so all members were able to stay in the room and vote on this matter.

37. REPORT OF THE CABINET.

38. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - DRAFT BUSINESS CASE

Mr D Harrison sought and obtained the consent of the Council to move an altered motion.

It was moved by Mr D Harrison and seconded by Mr Crook:

Part A

- “(a) That this Council opposes any expansion of the boundaries of Leicester City Council;
- (b) That, should the Government be minded to implement an expansion to Leicester City Council’s boundaries, this Council requests a referendum take place on the matter, the costs of such a referendum to be met by the Government.”

Part B

“That, subject to any further comments made by members, the draft business case for Local Government Reorganisation be endorsed for submission to the Cabinet for final approval at its meeting on 25 November 2025.”

The motion was taken in two parts. On Part A being put and before the vote was taken, five members rose asking that a named vote be recorded.

The vote was recorded as follows:

For the Motion

Mr Abbott, Mr Bailey, Dr Bloxham, Mr Boam, Mrs Bottomley, Mr Bradshaw, Mr Bray, Mrs Broadley, Miss Butler, Mr Chapman, Mr Charlesworth, Mr Cooke, Mr Crook, Mrs Danks, Mr Durrani, Mr England, Mr Fowler, Mr Galton, Mr Grimley, Mr Hamilton-Gray, Mr D Harrison, Mr P Harrison, Dr Hill, Mr Holt, Mr Innes, Mr King, Mrs Knight, Mr McDonald, Mr Melen, Mr Morris, Mr Mullaney, Mr O'Shea, Mr Orson, Mrs Page, Mrs Pendlebury, Mr Piper, Mr Poland, Mr Pugsley, Mr Robinson, Mr Rudkin, Mr Smith, Mr Squires, Mrs Taylor, Mr Tilbury, Mr Walker, Mr Whitford.

Abstentions

Ms Gray, Mr Miah.

Part A of the motion was carried, with 46 members voting for the motion and no members voting against.

On Part B being put and before the vote was taken, five members rose asking that a named vote be recorded.

The vote was recorded as follows:

For the Motion

Mr Abbott, Mr Bailey, Dr Bloxham, Mr Boam, Mr Bradshaw, Miss Butler, Mr Chapman, Mr Cooke, Mr Crook, Mrs Danks, Mr England, Mr Fowler, Mr Grimley, Mr Hamilton-Gray, Mr D Harrison, Mr P Harrison, Mr Innes, Mr King, Mrs Knight, Mr McDonald, Mr Melen, Mr Morris, Mr O'Shea, Mr Orson, Mrs Page, Mr Piper, Mr Poland, Mr Pugsley, Mr Robinson, Mr Rudkin, Mr Smith, Mr Squires, Mrs Taylor, Mr Tilbury, Mr Whitford.

Against the Motion

Mrs Bottomley, Mr Bray, Mrs Broadley, Mr Charlesworth, Mr Durrani, Mr Galton, Ms Gray, Dr Hill, Mr Holt, Mr Miah, Mr Mullaney, Mrs Pendlebury, Mr Walker.

Part B of the motion was carried, with 35 members voting for the motion and 13 members voting against.

2.00 pm – 3.32 pm
12 November 2025

CHAIRMAN