

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024****POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL****General Election**

I would like to congratulate Peter Bedford and Amanda Hack on their election as Leicestershire MPs, and at the same time commiserations to Craig Smith and Michael Mullaney who stood for election.

**'East Midlands' County Combined Authority**

At the last meeting in his position statement the Leader congratulated Claire Ward on her election. He subsequently wrote to the Mayor and they agreed to meet later this month. We want that meeting to go ahead and we will be in touch with her office after today.

**Leicester and Leicestershire Business Board**

The Board is being set up as an advisory body to the new Leicester and Leicestershire Business and Skills Partnership, the successor to the LLEP, which will be led by the City and County Councils.

Andy Reed, who was Chair of the LLEP prior to its abolition, has accepted a joint invitation from the Leader of County Council and the City Mayor to chair the Business Board, which they have welcomed. Arrangements are in hand to recruit to the Board. In addition to business representatives, membership will include higher education, further education, the district councils and the voluntary sector.

**Member update**

Following the Leader's announcement, Council will be invited later in the meeting to note the changes that the Leader proposes to make to the Cabinet. There will also be some consequential changes to the Scrutiny Commission membership and Mr Bannister will be joining the Commission. The Chief Executive will implement this under his delegated authority. It will also be proposed at the next Council meeting that Mr Champion be appointed as a Cabinet Support Member to Mrs Richardson.

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