

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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