

Minutes

Meeting name	Council
Date	Thursday, 5 December 2024
Start time	6.30 pm
Venue	Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray LE13 1GH

Present:

Chair Councillor T. Webster (Chair)

Councillors

J. Adcock	P. Allnatt
I. Atherton	S. Atherton
M. Brown	S. Butcher
S. Carter	R. Child
D. Chubb	M. Clay
H. Cliff	S. Cox
P. Cumbers	C. Evans
A. Freer	M. Glancy
M. Gordon	A. Hewson
L. Higgins	S. Lumley
J. Mason	J. Orson
S. Orson	D. Pritchett
R. Sharp	A. Thwaites

Officers

Chief Executive
 Director for Housing and Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)
 Assistant Director for Governance and Democracy (Monitoring Officer)
 Director for Corporate Services
 Senior Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer
 Democratic Services Officer (BG)

The Reverend Dr Mary Barr offered prayers.

Minute No.	Minute
CO38	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE An apology for absence was received from Councillor Browne.</p>
CO39	<p>MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2024 were confirmed. (For 19, Against 0, Abstentions 7)</p>
CO40	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST An other registerable interest in respect of Councillor J. Orson was noted as being on record for any matters which related to the Leicestershire County Council.</p> <p>Councillor Butcher declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to part of CO45 (Motion 3 on the item Motions on notice) and stated that she would withdraw from the meeting when the relevant part of the item is considered.</p> <p>Councillor Chubb declared an other registerable interest in relation to part of CO45 (Motions 1 and 2 on the item Motions on notice), as his wife owns land.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to part of CO45 (Motion 3 on the item Motions on notice), as her brother is a business owner and stated that she would withdraw from the meeting when the relevant part of the item is considered.</p> <p>Councillor Hewson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to part of CO45 (Motions 1 and 2 on the item Motions on notice) and stated that he would withdraw from the meeting when the relevant part of the item is considered.</p> <p>Councillor Mason declared an other registerable interest in relation to part of CO45 (Motions 1 and 2 on the item Motions on notice).</p> <p>Councillor J. Orson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to CO45 (Motions on notice) and stated that he would withdraw from the meeting when the item is considered.</p> <p>Councillor S. Orson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to CO45 (Motions on notice) and stated that he would withdraw from the meeting when the item is considered.</p> <p>Councillor Sharp declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to part of CO45 (Motions 1 and 2 on the item Motions on notice) and stated that he would withdraw from the meeting when the relevant part of the item is considered.</p>

Councillor Webster declared an other registerable interest in relation to part of CO45 (Motions 1 and 2 on the item Motions on notice), as he is an auctioneer and has worked with farmers in the past.

CO41

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor provided Members with an update on events he has attended since the last Council meeting. The full list of events are outlined below.

Date	Event	Venue
Wednesday 25 September 2024	Melton in Bloom presentation afternoon	St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray
Saturday 28 September 2024	Lord Mayor's Civic Service	Leicester Cathedral
Wednesday 2 November 2024	Service of Remembrance – Claire Lomas	St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray
Thursday 3 October 2024	Perennials Day – formerly Seniors' Day	Gloucester House, Melton Mowbray
Sunday 6 October 2024	Leicestershire County Council Chairman's Service	St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray
Tuesday 8 October 2024	World sight week – Walk town centre blindfolded	Melton Mowbray town centre
Thursday 11 October 2024	80th Anniversary of Battle of Arnhem	Saltby Air Field
Sunday 13 October 2024	Leicestershire Justice Service	St Mary's Church, Bottesford
Friday 18 October 2024	Visit round Sherard Primary School	Sherard Primary School, Melton Mowbray
Saturday 19 October 2024	Leicestershire and Rutland Festival of Remembrance	De Montford Hall, Leicester
Friday 8 November 2024	Blaby Chairman's Charity Event	Dom Restaurant, Thurlaston
Saturday 9 November 2024	Hoby & Rotherby Cricket Presentation	The Bell, Hoby
Sunday 10 November 2024	Remembrance Sunday Parade	Melton Mowbray town centre
Sunday 10 November 2024	Multi Faith Remembrance Day	Harmony House, Leicester
Wednesday 20 November 2024	Special Exhibition of Villiers Revealed	Melton Carnegie Museum
Friday 22 November 2024	Bourne Town Charity Dinner	Corn Exchange, Bourne

	Thursday 28 November 2024	Grand opening of Wilton Manor Care Home	Leicester Road, Melton Mowbray
	Friday 29 November 2024	Access all Areas Training CIC	Mary's Place, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray
	Sunday 1 December 2024	An Advent Calendar Concert	Stamford Town Hall
CO42	<p>LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>In making his announcements, the Leader informed Council that this week volunteers had been working on the Council's flower beds. Their dedication has produced the excellent achievement of Melton in Bloom receiving the Gold Award for the first time, which occurred after the last Council meeting. This was a partnership effort between the Council's environmental maintenance team and the brilliant volunteers and is a credit to all involved.</p> <p>Members were informed that the Cabinet received a presentation from the National Counter Terrorism expert on Martyn's Law, also known as the 'Protect Duty' which proposes a piece of legislation in the UK aimed at enhancing security measures at public venues and spaces to prevent and mitigate the impact of potential terrorist attacks. The bill was introduced to Parliament in September and, if passed, aims to enforce a legal duty on owners and operators of Public Accessible Locations (PLA) to implement suitable and proportionate safety measures. This is directly relevant to the Council and a range of partners and locations across the Borough. The Cabinet believed it was informative and that all Members might wish to have a similar opportunity in the future. It was explained that this was not in response to any immediate threat but the belief in being prepared.</p> <p>The Leader explained that the Council have had some good news on the Police and Crime front. The Borough of Melton is experiencing a lower incidence of incidents. Comparing April to September this year and last year reductions for: criminal damage, which is down 11.4% from 210 to 186; public disorder, which is down 16.9% from 213 to 177; drug offences, which is down 22% from 53 to 41 and arson offences, which is down 68% from 22 to 7.</p> <p>Council was informed that Safer Communities Team and Housing Team works closely with local police officers where anti-social behaviour impacts community safety and wellbeing. The Leader reported that the Council's teams, in partnership with police, had secured a closure order on a property following persistent anti-social behaviour, despite advice and efforts from the Council's teams and partners to de-escalate. Securing a closure order requires evidence, effort, collaboration and professionalism and the Leader read out some feedback from a victim in this case, which shows the impact of this action:</p> <p><i>"I would like to give a massive shout out to John Poole, he has made me feel so</i></p>		

much better in the neighbourhood. Mayfield Street is so quiet now, like it used to be. It feels safe, it feels cleaner, everywhere is nicer and the whole street would like to thank John Poole for doing a great job with PC Shane Sanderson and Mrs Vanessa Leach. Thank you so much!"

The Leader took the opportunity to thank the teams for dealing with some very difficult and time consuming case work and his two colleagues, Councillors Sharon Butcher and Sarah Cox, for their relentless work on the ground as well as in meetings.

Council was informed that, after Christmas, the Leader would make public a report to Members on progress with the £23m joint development with Rutland County Council. The Leader and Councillor Sharon Butcher attend the joint Executive Board Council and board members periodically meet with the two MPs covering the area. Rutland County Council is the official "accountable body", and the Board is jointly responsible for five projects of which the Council implement two.

- a) Our first project on site D off Nottingham Road and parts of site E off Scafford Road the full planning application has been further delayed by additional enquiries and requirements from Leicestershire County Council Highways Department. Therefore, the Planning Committee would now consider it in January. For the second project a reserved matter application would be submitted to cover the changes to the trader hall for the additional multi-purpose event space on site E. This second project utilises the £1.9m turned down by Melton-Brooksby College.
- b) From around mid-January 2025 some fencing would be erected on site D and from April 2025 the construction programme commences. It is currently due to complete in June 2026 with the trader hall works to be carried out in a phased approach to start in August 2025.
- c) The project team are liaising with all interested parties, as appropriate, and managing normal procurement and contract arrangements. Everything is subject to audit and, so far, the projects have a clean bill of health.
- d) The fifth project, which is being implemented by Rutland County Council is an improved public transport link between Oakham and Melton Mowbray. It complements the routine commercial bus route and together Saxby, Wymondham, Great and Little Dalby, Somerby, Knossington and Cold Overton would be covered by public transport.

Council was informed that, after Christmas, the Leader would make public a report to Members on progress of the UKSPF funding. The allocation of £1.5m across capital and revenue opportunities including community and business grants over two years is coming to an end. The Leader repeated his thanks to external members of the Local Area Board and Councillors for ensuring a fair procedure and balanced use of funding. The Leader wants to continue constructive links the voluntary sector, the Chamber of Commerce, the NFU and the Federation of Small Businesses. The UKSPF funding was due to finish March 2025, but following the Budget, the Government had decided to extend funding for one more year.

The Leader reported on the continuing success of the Rural Food Hub network now at nine venues. The Leader thanked staff, volunteers and the parish councils who

	<p>have made the project work. The hubs are not just about immediate food for those in need but a pathway to deal with the causes and other problems facing individuals and families.</p> <p>Following the successful external inspection of the Council as a housing landlord, the Leader welcomed four tenants to our Landlord Assurance Board. The theme of the Board is that Members and Officers listen to tenants, who steer the agenda onto the issues that matter most to them. Guided by the inspection team report and our tenants views, the Council would continue on the path of improvement.</p> <p>The Leader informed Members that he continued to be very busy in two important areas. Working across political divides and geographical boundaries the Council are taking a full part in trying to shape the future for regional and local governance, its long-term funding, as well as advocating for fairer funding for the second GP practice and the full completion of the distributor road together with a range of housing, adequate schools and environmental enhancements.</p>
CO43	<p>MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE</p> <p>Pursuant to the Constitution at Chapter 3, Part 1, Procedure Rule 12.1, the Leader, Councillor Allnatt, proposed that the order of the agenda is altered so that the agenda item Motions on Notice is considered before the agenda item Questions from Members. Councillor Glancy seconded the motion.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Council approved that the agenda item Motions on Notice is considered before the agenda item Questions from Members.</p> <p>(For 25, Against 0, Abstentions 1)</p>
CO44	<p>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</p> <p>One question had been received from Kelly Davies. In her absence the Mayor read out her question, which was as follows.</p> <p><i>The Labour Government as part of the Renters Rights Bill will be banning no fault evictions for residential properties. Can councillors work together to lobby this national government to provide the same protection to small businesses who are also renting a building from a landlord much like a residential tenant would?</i></p> <p>In responding, the Leader stated that business tenants with commercial leases operate under different circumstances to renters, who are often at risk of eviction from their home through no fault of their own. Individual circumstances vary for each business dependent on their lease agreements and business tenants are afforded considerable protection through commercial leases and the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, where that applies. Through engagement with businesses, the Council would work with them if they need support.</p>

CO45	<p>MOTIONS ON NOTICE</p> <p>The Mayor confirmed that there were three motions on notice received for the meeting.</p> <p>The first motion, as outlined below, was in relation to inheritance tax changes for family-run farms and was received from the Leader, Councillor Allnatt (Seconded by Councillor Adcock).</p> <p>Council notes the letter sent by the Leader to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and others concerning the announcements in the recent Budget concerning inheritance tax as it affects “family run” farms.</p> <p>Council therefore urges the Government to implement fiscal changes in a more nuanced and selective way and to avoid unintended consequences for those who the Prime Minister described as the “backbone” of a nation that seeks to produce more food sustainably within the UK.</p> <p>Councillor Child proposed the following amendment (Seconded by Councillor Chubb).</p> <p>Council notes the letter sent by the Leader to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and others concerning the announcements in the recent Budget concerning inheritance tax as it affects “family run” farms.</p> <p>Council therefore urges the Government to implement fiscal changes in a more nuanced and selective way and to avoid unintended consequences for those who the Prime Minister described as the “backbone” of a nation that seeks to produce more food sustainably within the UK.</p> <p>Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To request that all Group Leaders of the Council writes jointly to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to outline the Council’s concern at this decision and calls on the Government to stop the Family Farm Tax. 2) That the Portfolio Holder for Town Centre, Growth & Prosperity engages with local farmers and community representatives on what support Council can do to support them. 3) That a list must be published of affected farms in order that support can be given to affected farmers. <p>During the debate on the amendment, the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leader, as the proposer of the original motion, stated that he wouldn’t accept the amendment for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Point one was redundant as he had already written a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and therefore another letter won’t make a difference. - Regarding point two, the Leader doesn’t think it is necessary but he will engage with the National Farmers Union and through them, the farming community.
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- In relation to point three, the Leader was unsure what the proposal meant in practice and that it could run foul of data protection.
- It was commented that whilst the amendment raises some good points, point three of the amendment could mean that there is very sensitive information gathered and farmers may not want their details published.

Council then voted on the amendment. The vote was as followed.

(For 7, Against 13, Abstentions 2)

As a result of the vote, the amendment fell.

The debate proceeded on the original motion and the following points were raised:

- A comment was made that the government should have given farmers more notice on what they were planning to do.
- It was noted that there needs to be a discussion with farmers without the political bickering, as that is not in the farming community's interests.
- Since 1984, rich individuals had purchased agricultural land as a means to avoid inheritance tax. Also the price of agricultural land has quadrupled over the same period.
- Farmers tend to be asset rich and cash poor. The tax is hitting those who can least afford it. Farmers are facing rising costs, but are only receiving set prices for their produce.
- When the public think about farming they neglect to think about the other services farmers provide, e.g. ditching, verge mowing, snow ploughing. Also, farming is the best way to take CO2 out of the atmosphere.
- It was disappointing that the farming Members couldn't take part in the debate.
- Residents value farmers, however there is a recognition that people need to pay their fair share of tax.
- It was recognised that small farmers may have to sell their land and that the people who could buy it would only do so as a means to avoid inheritance tax.

RESOLVED

Council

(1) Noted the letter sent by the Leader to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and others concerning the announcements in the recent Budget concerning inheritance tax as it affects "family run" farms.

(2) Urged the Government to implement fiscal changes in a more nuanced and selective way and to avoid unintended consequences for those who the Prime Minister described as the "backbone" of a nation that seeks to produce more food sustainably within the UK.

(For 21, Against 1, Abstentions 0)

Pursuant to the Constitution, Chapter 3, Part 1, Procedure Rule 8.2, as the

amendment on the first motion had been rejected by Council, then the second motion on the impact of inheritance tax changes upon family farms could not be taken.

The third motion, as outlined below, was in relation to the National Insurance Contribution Increases and was received from Councillor Child (Seconded by Councillor Chubb).

Melton Borough Council notes with concern the recent increase in Employers National Insurance Contributions. This Council recognises the significant role that small businesses play in the local economy of Melton Borough, providing essential services, employment, and contributing to the vibrancy and resilience of our communities.

The deeply unpopular Budget proposals put forward by the Labour Government on October 30, which will have catastrophic implications for the Borough of Melton, its residents and businesses. Labour's broken promise to not raise national insurance.

The rise in employer national insurance contributions has been widely condemned by many businesses including GP's, who argue it could hit services for patients.

The Institute of General Practice Management, which represents GP Practice Managers has estimated the rise will put up the tax bill of the average surgery by around £20,000 a year.

Care homes across the Borough of Melton are also targeted by this Labour Party Budget and the devastating financial effect of these higher costs will have dire consequences for its residents and staff.

The Borough's charity and voluntary sectors have also been hit hard.

The NCVO which represents the UK's charities and voluntary sector has estimated the additional costs to the sector to be around £1.4 Billion a year and that the decision to not create an exemption will be another major strain on their limited resources at time when they are already struggling.

This Council believes that the increase in Employers National Insurance Contributions will disproportionately affect small businesses, placing an undue financial burden on them at a time when many are still recovering from the economic impacts of the high inflation and high interest rates.

Therefore, this Council resolves to:

- 1) Write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, urging a reversal of the**

increase in Employers National Insurance Contributions.

- 2) Highlight the critical contributions of small businesses, health and voluntary sector to our local economy and the disproportionate impact these increases will have on them.**
- 3) Advocate for policies that support and sustain the growth and stability of small businesses, health and voluntary sector in our Borough.**

This Council calls on all members of the Council to support this motion and stand in solidarity with our local small businesses, health and voluntary sector.

During the debate, the following points were raised:

- A comment was made that National Insurance could be viewed as a worker's tax and the increase could mostly affect part-time workers as businesses could cut part-time roles so that money could be saved in order to pay for the increase.
- It was recognised that no one wants to see tax go up more than it should but that tough decisions need to be made, especially if people want services to be provided.
- The budget gap that needs to be sorted out and the increase would help with this. In addition the total public sector debt is £2.8 trillion, which is 100.4% of GDP.
- It was disappointing that the government who promised no tax on working people has decided to put a tax on working people.
- The increase would pay for the improvement of the NHS, which was recognised to be not in good shape due to years of underinvestment.
- The Leader commented that how could he write for funding for a second surgery if the Council state they don't want the national insurance increase.
- A comment was made that perhaps it would have been fairer if there was an increase in income tax instead.
- The increase could have a detrimental impact on businesses to grow, which could reduce the tax pool.
- Members were reminded on how to best support the people and businesses of the Borough. The local economy is important to the area and its people.

Council then voted on the motion. The vote was as followed.

(For 9, Against 12, Abstentions 2)

As a result of the vote, the motion fell.

Pursuant to the Constitution, Chapter 3, Part 1, Procedure Rule 17.6, Councillor I. Atherton wished that his vote for the motion be recorded.

At 7:08pm, prior to the commencement of this item, Councillor Hewson, Councillor J. Orson, Councillor S. Orson and Councillor Sharp left the meeting.

At 7:22pm, during the consideration of this item, Councillor Freer entered the meeting.

	<p>At 7:50pm, the meeting was adjourned.</p> <p>At 7:57pm, during the adjournment, Councillor Butcher and Councillor Gordon left the meeting.</p> <p>At 7:57pm, during the adjournment, Councillor Hewson and Councillor Sharp rejoined the meeting.</p> <p>At 7:58pm, the meeting was reconvened.</p> <p>At 8:29pm, upon the conclusion of this item, Councillor Butcher, Councillor Gordon, Councillor J. Orson and Councillor S. Orson rejoined the meeting.</p>
CO46	<p>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS</p> <p>Nineteen questions from Members had been received and they were taken in the order that they were received.</p> <p>Councillor Cliff raised a point of order in relation to the 20-minute time limit for questions from Members. In response, the Monitoring Officer stated that the 20-minute time limit is a Constitutional requirement which seeks to ensure that Council meetings take place in an orderly way and that all parts of Council business have sufficient time devoted to them.</p> <p>Question 1 Councillor Carter asked the Leader the following question.</p> <p><i>During the election and discussion between the Independent and Labour groups, there were promises to change the Cabinet system and to make the process more open and productive. By the time we reach the next full Council meeting, it will be two years from those discussions. Can the Leader please give me an update on the progress of this.</i></p> <p>In response, the Leader stated that last year the administration made a commitment to establish a more inclusive and collaborative Council, and invited the LGA to support the review. Earlier this year, Members discussed the outcome of that process at an all Member workshop, where the value of the approach taken was recognised by Members across the Council. It was agreed that the approach should be formalised within the Constitution. That work has continued over the summer, alongside other important workstreams like administering the General Election, and the Boundary Commission Review. The Leader stated that the work is now nearing completion and the Constitutional Review Working Group would shortly be considering the final proposal. This would ensure the Council maintains a clear and accountable governance, and a strengthened scrutiny function, whilst formalising the more inclusive approach Members want to see.</p>

Councillor Carter opted to ask a supplementary question and asked the Leader had the changes produced any benefits and had they saved any money.

In response, the Leader stated that more Members had been involved with the decision-making process and good policy had been formed. Money had been saved in respect to special responsibility allowances, as since the administration took office in May 2023, there have only been five members of the Cabinet and previously there were six.

Question 2

Councillor Thwaites asked the Leader the following question.

In November the Cabinet agreed a series of changes, including price increases, to the Melton Borough Council controlled car parking within the Borough. Can the Leader please explain what these changes are exactly, why were they necessary and what was considered to reduce the impact on both those who work or visit, and need to use the car parks?

In response, the Leader stated that following a period of five years where car parking charges did not rise, in November Cabinet agreed to a below inflation increase, as part of its regular review of fees and charges. These increases are necessary to maintain our car parks, the enforcement service and other related issues. The alternative would have been to reduce other services to subsidise the parking and traffic management functions. Cabinet Members considered a range of options and built in measures to maintain free parking at evening and weekends, and for those car parks where no charges are currently made. Cabinet also increased the provision of free parking bays and have offered permits to the BID to support local businesses. In getting the balance right, members of the administration spoke with numerous residents and businesses.

Councillor Thwaites opted to ask a supplementary question and asked whether the Council could better promote the use of weekly and monthly season tickets.

In response, the Leader stated that the Council would look to better advertise such season tickets.

Question 3

Councillor Pritchett asked the Portfolio Holder for Town Centre, Growth and Prosperity the following question.

Can the Portfolio Holder for the Town Centre, Growth & Prosperity please tell me how many rural businesses they have visited as Portfolio Holder since April 2024?

In response, the Portfolio Holder for Town Centre, Growth and Prosperity stated that she has extensive engagement with businesses, both individually and also through business networks, the Council's own inward investment roundtables and

the BID. The Council's flagship project at the Stockyard would support numerous rural businesses.

Councillor Pritchett opted to ask a supplementary question and asked whether the Portfolio Holder would consider periodic briefings every nine months to keep businesses and Members up to date.

In response, the Portfolio Holder stated that she would consider holding periodic briefings.

Question 4

Councillor Chubb asked the Portfolio Holder for Governance the following question.

Can the Portfolio Holder for Governance, Environment & Regulatory Services provide an answer to the following question? Considering Ed Miliband's most recent policy to fast-track delivery of a renewable energy infrastructure, and the desire to take on those opposed to the roll out of solar farms, an increase in planning applications across the Country is imminent. Whilst the need for low carbon energy infrastructure is needed, these schemes consume valuable farming land and can have a detrimental impact on the beauty of our countryside. Can you please confirm if Melton Borough Council has a distinct and robust policy to manage and guide the potential increase in solar farm applications?

In response, the Portfolio Holder stated that the Local Plan and other supplementary planning guidance together with national policy, produces the framework for accessing all applications. As you will be aware the Council is about to consult on a revised Local Plan, and new national planning policy is also expected imminently. Should it be necessary the Council will develop a specific policy for solar farms, but it is important to note that our current policies apply to applications of any type.

Councillor Chubb opted to ask a supplementary question and asked whether the Council would consider a similar policy like Rushcliffe Borough Council has on solar and wind farm applications.

In response, the Portfolio Holder stated that the Rushcliffe Borough Council policy is a strategic policy, as opposed to a policy on how to manage development management applications. She informed Members of the decision to refuse solar farm application in line with the policy, however the decision was overturned on appeal and the inspector gave the policy little weight. The Portfolio Holder has committed to continue to consult on the issue.

As Members were approaching the time allowed for Members' questions, the Mayor proposed that Procedure Rule 13.7 of the Meetings General Procedure Rules should be suspended for the rest of the meeting so that the time limit of 20 minutes for Members' questions can be exceeded. Councillor I. Atherton seconded

the motion.

The vote was taken and was as follows:

For 10, Against 16, Abstentions 1

Pursuant to the Constitution, Chapter 3, Part 1, Procedure Rule 17.6, Councillors I. Atherton, Child and Gordon wished that their votes for the motion be recorded.

Pursuant to the Constitution, Chapter 3, Part 1, Procedure Rule 17.6, Councillor Allnatt wished that his vote against the motion be recorded.

As a consequence of the vote the motion fell.

Question 5

Councillor S. Orson asked the Portfolio Holder for Governance, Environmental and Regulatory Services the following question.

Considering the recent announcement by Melton Borough Council can the Portfolio Holder for Governance, Environment & Regulatory Services set out the improvements as key stakeholder our Parish Council's should expect to see with the review of the planning service?

In response, the Portfolio Holder stated that, as the time for questions from Members had ended, she would provide a written response.

It was confirmed that all Members with questions unanswered would be provided with a written response.

At 8:59pm, upon the conclusion of this agenda item, Councillor Evans left the meeting and did not return.

CO47

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL - TREASURY MANAGEMENT
MID YEAR REPORT 2024/25**

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance, Property and Resources, Councillor Cox, presented the Cabinet recommendations to Council on the Treasury Management Mid-Year report for 2024/25 and moved the recommendations. The Leader, Councillor Allnatt, seconded the motion.

Members did not have any comments on the report.

RESOLVED

Council

(1) Noted the mid-year position on treasury activity for 2024/25 and

(2) Noted the mid-year position on Prudential Indicators for 2024/25.

CO48	<p>GAMBLING ACT 2005, STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES 2025 – 2028</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder for Governance, Environment and Regulatory Services, Councillor Glancy, presented a report on the Gambling Act 2025, Statement of Principles 2025-2028 and moved the recommendations. The Chair of the Licensing Committees, Councillor Carter, seconded the motion.</p> <p>Members did not have any comments on the report or the Statement of Principles.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Approved the Gambling Act Statement of Principles 2025 – 2028, following public consultation between 29 August and 26 September 2024.</p> <p>(For 25, Against 0, Abstentions 1)</p> <p>Pursuant to the Constitution, Chapter 3, Part 1, Procedure Rule 17.6, Councillor Gordon wished that her vote to abstain be recorded.</p>
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The meeting closed at: 9.08 pm

Mayor