

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2025

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ITEM 9 - QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR J LEGRYS TO THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

"Can the Portfolio Holder please update me as Ward Member on proposals to modify/upgrade Stenson Square Coalville please?"

REPONSE FROM THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER TO COUNCILLOR J LEGRYS

Specialist “Place Making” Consultants have been appointed to undertake the next phase of the Stenson Square project. As part of this commission the consultants will build upon the previous concept proposals to draw up a planning application submission for the area in front of Stenson House. The consultants will shortly be arranging an engagement meeting with local stakeholders (including councillors) which will offer an opportunity for all those interested in this project to help inform and refine the proposals.

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QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR P MOULT TO THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

“I would like to know with regard to timescales when, if at all The Oak public house at Whitwick is to be developed, given that it was purchased in 2021 and the costs of security, clearance and designs are increasing daily?”

RESPONSE FROM THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER TO COUNCILLOR P MOULT

The site is within the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) property portfolio and was purchased some time ago as a prospective development site. The Housing Service's new build capacity has recently been increased through the use of external contractors to start to address outstanding sites. The development opportunities for each site are currently being assessed.

This particular site has an expired outline planning permission for a housing development and requires a detailed application to be developed in line with current social housing standards if it is to be taken forward for development. A feasibility study is currently being commissioned. This means that it is likely to be some months before a revised planning application could come forward. The earliest anticipated date for completion is therefore likely to be some years away.

In the meantime, the site is being managed, along with the other small number of sites the HRA controls, awaiting development. The ongoing regular costs amount to c£1000 per annum, plus ad hoc litter and or vegetation clearance, the cost of which varies by visit. These costs are being met from the HRA and are not funded by the General Fund. This is in addition to the combined purchase and costs for design work and site clearances, fencing etc to date of c£480,000.

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QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR C BECK TO THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

“What can councils in Leicestershire do, to make sure that the list of independent persons is representative of the population?”

RESPONSE FROM THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER TO COUNCILLOR C BECK

There has been a fair and open recruitment process for the Independent Persons in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and HR policies. From this, two new Independent Persons have been chosen due to their impressive applications and successful interviews. We have a pool arrangement with the other Leicestershire Councils. The benefit of this is it provides for a larger number of IPs which can be drawn from, and does not limit this to having only one or two in the position. We are hopeful that this approach means the IPs will be better representative of the population, given the pool allows for a wider cross section of people to choose from and no limit on numbers – if someone meets the criteria and performs well in the interview, they can be offered the role.

The job advert for this recruitment was tailored to the role but in a way that could encourage a range of applicants, and for future recruitment exercises it can be ensured that a similar approach is taken.

The essential criteria were: experience of local government or other aspects of public service and of the political process, and that the IPs either live or work in Leicestershire. Other essential criteria related to communication skills, the ability to assimilate information, having an understanding of legal requirements, understanding confidentiality requirements, being assertive, being open minded and using IT. There has to be a balance between ensuring the right people apply for the job, but not setting the requirements too stringently that no one can meet them. It is also important to note that it is an essential requirement that the IP either lives or works in Leicestershire, thus giving them a connection to the area within which they will be carrying out the role.

The role description also specifically requires the IP to be aware of the views of the local community on ethical standards, and to ensure they reflect views when carrying out the role.

The role was advertised by all the Leicestershire Councils, in order to ensure the advert had as wide a reach as possible.

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QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR J GEARY TO THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

“Once again, our travelling friends paid us a visit a couple of weeks ago, this time setting up home on the London Road Park, so I again ask the question as to what progress is being made in finding the travelling community a suitable site within our district.

I last asked this question at the Council Meeting of the 18th June last. You replied by saying “I can confirm that Officers are currently investigating options for addressing the issue of transit accommodation in respect of both permanent and temporary sites as the Local Plan Review progress. The intention is for Officers to bring forward a report to members of the Local Plan Committee before the end of the year”.

You went on to say “I have asked Officers to keep Cllr Geary updated on progress and to make him aware when the issue is to be reported to the Local Plan Committee”, to date no such information has been forthcoming.”

RESPONSE FROM THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER TO COUNCILLOR J GEARY

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to make the progress we had hoped on this issue due to other important work in respect of the emerging Local Plan, including consulting upon additional housing and employment site allocations and addressing responses to the proposed policies consulted upon last year.

We have recently received some additional funding from the Government to support the preparation of Local Plans and we are looking to bring in some additional capacity to help address the gypsy and traveller’s issue. Officers are aware that this is an important issue to be addressed in the preparation of the Local Plan and they will take a report to Local Plan Committee as soon as they are able.

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ITEM 10 – MOTIONS

AMENDED MOTION RECEIVED FROM COUNCILLOR M BALL

The Labour Government has committed to build 300,000 homes each year and stipulated that every planning authority must have an up-to-date Local Plan, ~~whilst simultaneously dictating that NWLDC's housing target should increase by 70%.~~ This Council stands ready to do its bit to comply, and to continue its excellent housebuilding record, but the Government's ~~continued safeguarding of land refusal to give up the land safeguarded~~ for the now defunct eastern leg of HS2 ~~is adding pressure on~~ ~~has become a major risk to~~ our emerging Local Plan. Some 700 homes with planning permission in Measham and Kegworth remain in limbo, forcing this Council to take the unwanted step of allocating a reserve site for yet more housebuilding in Ashby. It has also resulted in the longed for restoration of the Ashby Canal through Measham remaining stalled.

The success of our emerging Local Plan rests heavily on the establishment of a new large settlement at Isley Woodhouse, which can only proceed with major upgrades to the highway network in the north of the district, but these potential upgrades may well require the use of land currently safeguarded by HS2. This Council urgently needs a straight answer to a straight question – “why is the eastern leg land still being safeguarded when the western leg land has been released and when, if ever, will it be released?”.

We, therefore, request that the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State on behalf of full Council to request an explanation of why the land has not yet been released, that the land be released, and also writes to the MPs for North West Leicestershire and Bosworth requesting that they make representations to Government highlighting the blight HS2 continues to cause this district. '

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ITEM 11 – PETITIONS

Petition Summary/Background

Draft NWL Local Plan 2020-2040 - We strongly oppose the proposal to build nearly 800 properties from Talbot Lane, Whitwick, through New Swannington into Coalville. Which will destroy our green space, and have a devastating impact on wildlife, our environment and on local resources. We also strongly oppose plans which will lead to Whitwick and Thringstone becoming part of Coalville Town, this will destroy our heritage, historical identity and communities.

Action petitioned for

We, the undersigned, are concerned residents who urge NWLDC to act now to build only our fair share of housing and commercial sites and ensure that proposals to build are designed to minimise the impact on the character of the villages and the facilities nearby. We would also urge that the Council take seriously their responsibilities to reduce building impact on climate change and build affordable housing close to areas of employment and current networks as a priority.

There are 225 valid signatures on the petition, which in accordance with the scheme is an 'ordinary petition'

Process at the meeting

The Council's Petition Scheme sets out the process to be followed at the Council meeting which is as follows:

- The Chair will invite the Petition Organiser to address Council for up to five minutes on the subject of the petition. If the petition organiser is not present at Council, the petition will fail and will not be considered.
- Members may question the petition organiser and make initial comments for five minutes in total.
- The relevant Portfolio Holder or Committee Chair may then address the meeting for up to five minutes.
- There shall be no vote taken on an ordinary petition. A Member may propose that the subject matter be placed on the next convenient ordinary meeting of the relevant Board or Committee. The motion shall be moved and seconded and put to the vote without discussion or debate.
- If no such motion is moved or carried then Council takes no further action with the petition. The petition will be referred to the relevant Director or Service Manager who will respond to the petition organiser in writing within 28 days to explain what happened at Council.

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ITEM 13 – APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES AND GROUPS, ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND DEPUTY CHAIRS

NOMINATIONS

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (4 members plus appropriate portfolio holder)

Current Membership	Nominees for 2025/26
Chair: Councillor R Blunt Deputy Chair: Councillor S Sheahan Councillor J Legrys Councillor L Windram Appropriate Portfolio Holder	Chair: Councillor R Blunt Deputy Chair: Councillor J Legrys Councillor A Morley Councillor L Windram Appropriate Portfolio Holder
Substitutes: Councillors D Bigby, M Blair-Park, A Morley, S Lambeth, R Morris, J Simmons, N Rushton & M Wyatt	Substitutes: Councillors D Bigby, D Cooper, S Lambeth, R Morris, C Sewell, J Simmons, N Rushton and M Wyatt.

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (10 members)

Current Membership	Nominees for 2025/26
Chair: Councillor P Moulton Deputy Chair: Councillor D Everitt Councillor A Barker Councillor R Boam Councillor D Cooper Councillor R Johnson Councillor G Rogers Councillor J Simmons Councillor N Smith Councillor R Sutton	Chair: Councillor P Moulton / Councillor R Sutton Deputy Chair: Councillor D Everitt Councillor R Boam Councillor D Cooper Councillor R Johnson Councillor G Rogers Councillor J Simmons Councillor N Smith Councillor R Sutton Councillor A Wilson

COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY

Current membership	Nominees for 2025/26
Ward members for Bardon, Broom Leys, Castle Rock, Coalville East, Coalville West, Greenhill, Snibston North, Snibston South and Thringstone:	Ward members for Bardon, Broom Leys, Castle Rock, Coalville East, Coalville West, Greenhill, Snibston North, Snibston South and Thringstone:

Councillor Legrys Councillor Geary Councillor Everitt Councillor Page Councillor L Windram Councillor M Wyatt Councillor M Burke Councillor J Windram Councillor M French	Councillor Legrys Councillor Geary Councillor Everitt Councillor C Beck Councillor L Windram Councillor M Wyatt Councillor M Burke Councillor J Windram Councillor M French
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COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 members)

Current membership	Nominees for 2025/26
Chair: Councillor T Eynon Deputy Chair: Councillor M Blair-Park Councillor M Ball Councillor D Bigby Councillor M French Councillor K Horn Councillor S Lambeth Councillor P Lees Councillor E Parle Councillor L Windram	Chair: Councillor T Eynon Deputy Chair: Councillor A Barker Councillor M Ball Councillor D Bigby Councillor M French Councillor K Horn Councillor S Lambeth Councillor P Lees Councillor E Parle Councillor L Windram
Substitutes: Councillors C Beck, C Sewell, J Geary, S Sheahan, N Smith, J Simmons, R Morris & M Burke	Substitutes: Councillors C Beck, M Burke, J Geary, R Morris, C Sewell, S Sheahan, J Simmons and N Smith

CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (10 members)

Current membership	Nominees for 2025/26
Chair: Councillor S Lambeth Deputy Chair: Councillor M Ball Councillor C Beck Councillor M Blair-Park Councillor M Burke Councillor K Horn Councillor A Morley Councillor R Morris Councillor S Sheahan Councillor J Windram	Chair: Councillor S Lambeth Deputy Chair: Councillor M Ball Councillor C Beck Councillor D Bigby Councillor M Burke Councillor K Horn Councillor A Morley Councillor R Morris Councillor S Sheahan Councillor J Windram
Substitutes: Councillors D Bigby, E Parle, C Sewell, J Legrys, N Smith, J Simmons, L Windram & M French	Substitutes: Councillors M Blair-Park, M French, J Legrys, E Parle, C Sewell, J Simmons, N Smith and L Windram

ELECTORAL REVIEW WORKING PARTY (5 members)

Current membership	Nominees for 2025/26
Councillor K Merrie Councillor C Sewell Councillor S Sheahan Councillor A Woodman Councillor M Wyatt	Councillor D Bigby Councillor J Legrys Councillor K Merrie Councillor A Woodman Councillor M Wyatt
Substitutes: Councillors J Legrys, D Bigby, P Moulton, S Lambeth, R Morris, R Boam & R Canny	Substitutes: Councillors R Boam, R Canny, S Lambeth, R Morris, P Moulton, C Sewell and S Sheahan

EMPLOYEE JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (5 members)

Current membership	Nominees for 2025/26
Councillor M French Councillor R Johnson Councillor J Legrys Councillor S Sheahan Councillor J Simmons	Councillor M French Councillor R Johnson Councillor J Legrys Councillor A Morley Councillor J Simmons
Substitutes: Councillors J Geary, C Sewell, D Bigby, D Cooper, A Woodman, R Blunt & M Wyatt	Substitutes: Councillors R Blunt, D Cooper, J Geary, C Sewell, A Wilson, A Woodman and M Wyatt

INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE (5 members)

Current membership	Nominees for 2025/26
Chair: Councillor S Sheahan Deputy Chair: Councillor J Legrys Councillor N Smith Councillor R Sutton Councillor L Windram	Chair: Councillor J Legrys Deputy Chair: Councillor A Morley Councillor N Smith Councillor R Sutton Councillor L Windram
Substitutes: Councillors C Sewell, A Morley, E Parle, A Wilson, T Gillard, K Merrie & M Wyatt	Substitutes: Councillors T Gillard, K Merrie, E Parle, C Sewell, S Sheahan, A Wilson and M Wyatt

LICENSING COMMITTEE (15 members)

Current membership	Nominees for 2025/26
Chair: Councillor N Smith Deputy Chair: Councillor J Simmons Councillor M Ball Councillor A Barker Councillor C Beck Councillor M Burke Councillor M French Councillor K Horn Councillor R Johnson Councillor P Lees Councillor J Legrys Councillor P Moulton Councillor G Rogers Councillor J Windram Councillor A Wilson	Chair: Councillor N Smith Deputy Chair: Councillor J Simmons Councillor M Ball Councillor A Barker Councillor C Beck Councillor M Burke Councillor D Everitt Councillor M French Councillor K Horn Councillor R Johnson Councillor P Lees Councillor P Moulton Councillor G Rogers Councillor A Wilson Councillor J Windram
Substitutes: Councillors S Lambeth, A Morley, T Eynon, C Sewell, K Merrie, T Gillard, A Woodman, N Rushton & M Wyatt	Substitutes: Councillors D Cooper, T Eynon, T Gillard, S Lambeth, K Merrie, A Morley, E Parle, N Rushton, C Sewell, A Woodman and M Wyatt

LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE (11 members)

Current membership	Nominees for 2025/26
Chair: Councillor J Simmons Deputy Chair: Councillor P Lees Councillor M Ball Councillor D Bigby Councillor S Lambeth Councillor J Legrys Councillor R Morris Councillor P Moulton Councillor C Sewell Councillor L Windram Councillor M Wyatt	Chair: Councillor J Simmons Deputy Chair: Councillor M Ball Councillor D Bigby Councillor S Lambeth Councillor J Legrys Councillor P Lees Councillor R Morris Councillor P Moulton Councillor C Sewell Councillor L Windram Councillor M Wyatt
Substitutes: Councillors A Barker, C Beck, A Morley, G Rogers, K Merrie, K Horn, R Blunt, T Gillard	Substitutes: Councillors A Barker, C Beck, R Blunt, D Everitt, K Horn, T Gillard, K Merrie and G Rogers

PLANNING COMMITTEE (11 members)

Current membership	Nominees for 2025/26
<p>Chair: Councillor R Boam Deputy Chair: Councillor R Morris</p> <p>Councillor D Bigby Councillor M Burke Councillor R Canny Councillor D Everitt Councillor J Legrys Councillor P Moulton Councillor C Sewell Councillor J Simmons Councillor N Smith</p>	<p>Chair: Councillor R Boam Deputy Chair: Councillor R Morris</p> <p>Councillor D Bigby Councillor M Burke Councillor R Canny Councillor D Everitt Councillor J Legrys Councillor P Moulton Councillor C Sewell Councillor J Simmons Councillor N Smith</p>
<p>Substitutes: Councillors T Eynon, C Beck, D Cooper, J Geary, A Woodman, R Blunt, P Lees, K Horn & M Wyatt</p>	<p>Substitutes: Councillors A Barker, R Blunt, D Cooper, T Eynon, J Geary, K Horn, P Lees, A Woodman and M Wyatt</p>

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ITEM 15 – APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

UPDATED APPENDIX 1

NOMINATIONS

Body	Current Appointments	Nominees for 2025/26
Alderman Newton Education Foundation (1 seat)	Councillor J Geary	Councillor J Geary
Ashby de la Zouch Endowed Schools Foundation (1 seat appointed for District term (every 4 years))	Councillor K Horn	Councillor K Horn (as appointed in May 2023)
Breedon Quarry Liaison Committee (1 seat)	Councillor R Morris	Councillor R Morris
Charnwood Forest Geopark Charitable Incorporated Organisation (1 seat)	Councillor M Wyatt	Councillor M Wyatt / Councillor J Legrys
Cliffe Hill Quarry Liaison Committee (1 seat)	Councillor R Boam	Councillor R Boam
East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Committee (1 seat & 1 substitute)	Councillors R Sutton and N J Rushton (Substitute)	Councillors R Sutton and N J Rushton (Substitute)
East Midlands Council (1 seat)	Leader of the Council	Leader of the Council
East Midlands Councils – Employers Board (1 seat – nomination to submit an expression of interest)	Planning and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder	Planning and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder
East Midlands Councils – Migration Board (1 seat – nomination to submit an expression of interest)	Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder	Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder
Grace Dieu Priory Trust (2 seats)	Councillors D Everitt and J Simmons	Councillors D Everitt and J Simmons
Interlink South Country Park Board Meeting (1 seat)	Councillor K Merrie	Councillor K Merrie
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel (1 seat)	Councillor A Woodman	Councillor A Woodman
Local Government Association – General Assembly (1 seat)	Leader of the Council	Leader of the Council
Moira Furnace Trust (1 seat)	Councillor D Cooper	Councillor D Cooper

Body	Current Appointments	Nominees for 2025/26
MSV Donington Park Consultative Forum (7 seats)	Councillors for Castle Donington Central Ward, Kegworth Ward, Castle Donington Park Ward, Long Whatton and Diseworth Ward, Castle Donington Castle Ward, Daleacre Hill Ward and Worthington and Breedon Ward	Councillors for Castle Donington Central Ward, Kegworth Ward, Castle Donington Park Ward, Long Whatton and Diseworth Ward, Castle Donington Castle Ward, Daleacre Hill Ward and Worthington and Breedon Ward
North West Leicestershire Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Taxi Licensing Forum (3 seats)	Councillor A Barker, Chair of Licensing Committee and Deputy Chair of Licensing Committee	Councillor A Barker, Chair of Licensing Committee, Deputy Chair of Licensing Committee.
PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee	Community Services and Climate Change Portfolio Holder	Community Services and Climate Change Portfolio Holder
Ravenstone Hospital Charity (2 seats)	Councillors C Beck and N Smith (Councillor Beck stood down in March 2025)	Councillor J Simmons and N Smith
Redbank Manufacturing Liaison Committee (1 seat)	Councillors S Sheahan	Councillors S Sheahan
Safer North West Leicestershire Partnership (1 seat)	Community Services and Climate Change Portfolio Holder	Community Services and Climate Change Portfolio Holder
Whitwick Quarry Liaison Committee (3 seats)	Councillors P Moulton, L Windram and M Wyatt	Councillors P Moulton, L Windram and M Wyatt

Council Procedure Rules – Motions and Amendments

What members can do

- When seconding a motion, a member may reserve their speech until later in the debate (rule 15.3).
- Members may only speak once on a motion or amendment whilst it is being debated (rule 15.5, 15.5.1).
- Members may also move a further amendment if the motion has been amended since they last spoke (rule 15.5.2).
- Members can exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation during debate (rule 15.5.4, 15.5.5 and 15.5.6).
- Members can speak on the main issues if their first speech was on an amendment (rule 15.5.3).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on the motion, before it is put to the vote (rule 15.15).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on any amendment (rule 15.16).

What members can't do

- Members cannot make a speech until a motion has been seconded (rule 15.1).
- Members cannot speak again whilst a motion is being debated, except to exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation (rule 15.5).
- Members cannot speak for more than 5 minutes without the consent of the Chairman (rule 15.4).
- The mover of a motion may not speak on an amendment, other than to exercise his right of reply (rule 15.16).
- The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the close of debate (rule 15.17).

Motions and Amendments – Flowchart

