

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 2026

Present:-

Cllr. Roy Denney (Chairman)
Cllr. Janet Forey (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam	Cllr. Hannah Gill	Cllr. Mike Shirley
Cllr. Royston Bayliss	Cllr. Nigel Grundy	Cllr. Roger Stead
Cllr. Dr John Bloxham	Cllr. Paul Hartshorn	Cllr. Ben Taylor
Cllr. Lee Breckon JP	Cllr. Mark Jackson	Cllr. Matt Tomeo
Cllr. Adrian Clifford	Cllr. Becca Lunn	Cllr. Bob Waterton
Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore	Cllr. Antony Moseley	Cllr. Jane Wolfe
Cllr. Stuart Coar	Cllr. Les Phillimore	Cllr. Maggie Wright
Cllr. Tony Deakin	Cllr. Terry Richardson	Cllr. Neil Wright
Cllr. Susan Findlay	Cllr. Ande Savage	
Cllr. Helen Gambardella	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd	

Officers present:-

Julia Smith	- Chief Executive
Marc Greenwood	- Executive Director - Place
Sarah Pennelli	- Executive Director - S.151 Officer
Jonathan Hodge	- Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager
Gemma Dennis	- Corporate Services Group Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Avisa Birchenough	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Nicole Evans	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer

Honorary Alderman in attendance:-

Iain Hewson

Apologies:-

Cllr. Nick Brown, Cllr. Nick Chapman, Cllr. Alex DeWinter, Cllr. Richard Holdridge and Cllr. Dillan Shikotra

1. **DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

No disclosures were received.

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2026, as circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman, Cllr. Roy Denney made announcements in respect of the following:

- Attended a meal with the Chairman of Oadby & Wigston Borough Council in February 2026.
- Attended a meal with the Chairman of Harborough District Council on 3 March 2026.
- Attended a Civic Church Service at Saint John's Church in Hinckley on 4 March 2026.
- Attended the Leicestershire Tourism Forum held at Twycross Zoo on 17 March 2026.
- Attended the Mayor of Charnwood's Charity Dinner Night on 20 March 2026
- Attended a Gurdwara Shri Guru Harkrishan Sahib Ji service on 22 March 2026 in Oadby with Cllr. Oliver Hall.
- Attended a Charity Fundraiser & Tour at Everards Brewery on 23 March 2026 with the Leicestershire High Sherriff and Blaby District Councillors, Janet Forey, Ben Taylor and Mike Shirley.
- Attended a Civic Event in Braunstone Town on 29 March 2026.
- Attended the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's Chairman's Charity dinner on 10 April 2026.
- Attended a Charity event held in the Elizabethan Buffet car on the Great Central Railway on 12 April 2026.

4. LEADER'S STATEMENT

The Leader, Cllr. Ben Taylor presented his statement in respect of the following:

- Progress on the purchase of Additional Temporary Accommodation
- Glen Parva Community Fridge handover
- Enhanced Biodiversity Duty
- Blaby Business Grant Scheme
- Tourism cycle routes
- Spring Job and Skills Fair
- Health and Wellbeing Festival
- Youth Conference
- Food Waste collections launch
- Local Government Reorganisation

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL

No requests were received.

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

No questions were received.

7. CORPORATE ACTION PLAN 2026-27

Considered – Report of the Performance & Information Service Manager, presented by Cllr. Ben Taylor – Leader of the Council.

DECISION

That the Corporate Action Plan 2026-27 be noted.

Reason:

It is important that Elected Members support the priorities for the next year which contribute to the delivery of the Corporate Plan.

8. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Considered – Report of the Development Strategy Manager, presented by Cllr. Mike Shirley – Planning and Strategic Growth Portfolio Holder.

DECISION

That the revised Blaby District Local Development Scheme be approved with immediate effect.

Reasons:

1. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, as amended, requires a Local Planning Authority to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme.
2. As the Council prepares for its Regulation 19 Publication and subsequent submission to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) all local planning authorities are required to produce an updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) to ensure that the timetable for local plan preparation remains up to date.

9. LEICESTER & LEICESTERSHIRE AUTHORITIES - STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND RELATING TO STRATEGIC DISTRIBUTION FLOORSPEACE NEEDS UPDATE AND APPORTIONMENT

Members were advised that this item had been withdrawn.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.13 P.M.