

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

22 OCTOBER 2025

PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Brown), Councillors Bennett, Daly, Dumbleton, C Edwards, S Edwards, Freeman, Garcia, Gillias, Harrington, Hassell, Henderson, Howling, Karadiar, Lawrence, Lewis, Livesey, McKenzie, Mistry, Moran, New, O'Rourke, Picker, Poole, Robinson, Roodhouse, Russell, Sandison, Sayani, Srivastava, Thomas, Thompson, Timms, Trimble, Ward and Willis.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Barnett, D Keeling, J Keeling, Maoudis, Parker and Simpson-Vince.

37. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2025 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6(a)(1) of Part 1 – Cycling Prohibition Byelaws – Councillor Sandison (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct by virtue of some areas affected by the proposed revocation being located in Eastlands Ward).

39. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Over 2,000 people had enjoyed performances over two stages in the town for Diwali on 12 October, with everyone coming together to celebrate the festival of the power of light over darkness. The Mayor thanked everyone who made this possible, including Councillors Mistry and Karadiar, Rugby First, and especially the Indian community in Rugby.

The Mayor was proud to announce that the Council had won three prestigious awards at the Heart of England in Bloom ceremony earlier this week. The Council is proud winners of the Environmental Award, the Best Small City Award, and was declared overall winners across all categories. The Council also received the nomination to represent the region at the National Britain in Bloom awards. On behalf of all Members, the Mayor congratulated all officers involved for their incredible dedication and efforts which has resulted in such high achievements.

The Mayor attended the Young High Sheriff's Winners Event at Ashlawn School on Monday evening. It was a privilege to be on the judging panel and heartening to hear young people talk about what is important to them in society. The winner will shadow the High Sheriff and also undertake some of their duties during their year.

The Mayor reminded everyone that her next mayoral charity event is a Halloween Eve night at the Railway Club on 30 October. Doors open at 7.00pm with buffet food available from 7.30pm for the start of the film showing of The

Lost Boys. Tickets are £15 and can be purchased on Eventbrite. The link to this would be circulated to all Members. The Mayor looked forward to seeing everyone there.

40. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions.

41. REPORT OF CABINET – 7 OCTOBER 2025

The Council placed on record its congratulations to Councillor Roodhouse on his recent conferment of the honour of Freedom of the County.

RESOLVED THAT – the report of Cabinet be confirmed and adopted.

42. REPORT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLVED THAT – the report be confirmed and adopted.

43. NOTICES OF MOTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 11

In accordance with the Constitution, there were no motions on notice to be considered.

44. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT – under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Governance Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds they involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

45. PRIVATE REPORT OF CABINET – 7 OCTOBER 2025

RESOLVED THAT – the private report be confirmed and adopted.

46. PRIVATE REPORT OF OFFICERS

(a) Organisational Change: Directorate Restructure

Note: all Chief Officers left the meeting during this item.

Council considered the private report of the Chief Executive (Part 2 – agenda item 2(a)) concerning a proposed directorate restructure at the Council.

RESOLVED THAT – the recommendation, as detailed in the report, be approved.

MAYOR