



Leicester Council of Faiths Statement

As Faith leaders and representatives from across Leicestershire communities we are shocked and saddened by the news that Simon Cole has passed away today. We are in mourning and at this difficult time our prayers and thoughts are with his family, friends, colleagues and everyone who had the honour to work or meet with him.

Simon was truly a loved person and respected across diverse communities of Leicestershire. He worked tirelessly for all and played a pivotal role in keeping us safe with his dedicated service and leadership. It was only a few weeks ago that he met with faith leaders to be recognised for his contributions to policing and communities at large. He will surely be missed. As faith leaders and representatives, we are praying for him and his family. We encourage everyone to remember and pray for Simon and his family in whatever way they know. May the Almighty grant solace to his loved ones. Rest in Peace.

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