

MINUTES of the MEETING of the  
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote  
on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
at 6.00pm

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Stanton (Chairman), Councillor Muller (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Billings, Mrs Brown, Ford, Grant, Harrison, Hewlett, Mrs Patten, Pegg, Roberts, Swann, Watson and Wyatt

**Labour Group**

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Rhind, Richards, Dr Pearson, Shepherd, Southerd, Mrs Stuart, and Wilkins

CL/142 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Coe, Mrs Hall, MacPherson and Smith (Conservative Group), Councillor Chahal and Tilley, (Labour Group) and Councillors Coe and Tipping (Independent Non-Grouped Members).

CL/143 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL**

The Open Minutes of the Council Meeting (CL/119-CL/138) held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved as a true record.

CL/144 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Council was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

Councillor Roberts joined the Meeting at 6.05pm.

CL/145 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the Council outlined a summary of events attended since the last Council Meeting; including the Pancake Races which took place on the Delph, noting the success of the event; attendance at Burton and South Derbyshire College to bid farewell to a group of Japanese exchange students who had been hosted by local families; signing the Armed Forces Covenant with representatives from the Armed Forces, Derby City and Derbyshire County Council at a ceremony at Matlock; and observing the 1211 (Swadlincote & District) Squadron Air Training Corps exercising their awarded Freedom of the District. The Chairman expressed appreciation and congratulated the Squadron on the success of the event.

CL/146 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader congratulated the Chairman on his service to the Council during his time as Chairman. The Leader reflected on the past four years, paying respects to the Members who had passed away during this time and the Members who were not standing for re-election in the upcoming District Election.

The Leader noted key achievements, including the creation of the Local Plan 1 and 2, decrease in unemployment rates through regeneration and economic growth, the development of the Country Park Golf Course and Civic Centre, joining the Waste Less, Save More Scheme and maintaining low council tax and ensuring sound finances.

The Leader extended his best wishes to all Members who were standing for re-election and expressed his gratitude to those who were leaving.

CL/147 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Chief Executive thanked Councillors on behalf of staff and himself for working with and for the Council.

The Chief Executive advised that upon the request of the Strategic Director (Corporate Services) Members be reminded to respond in relation to their Annual Declaration. The Chief Executive advised Council the Deputy Returning Officer would be administering all matters in relation to the District Election. The Chief Executive further advised all Chief Executives and Returning Officers had been notified to make arrangements for the European Election on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Additionally, the Chief Executive notified Council the new staff structure of the Heads of Services will be made available shortly, which included a photo of each Head of Service.

The Leader of the Opposition wished all Members who were retiring all the best, specifically Councillor Wilkins, who was retiring after 30 years of being an Elected Member, noting that his words of wisdom would be greatly missed and his achievements, such as Chairman of the Council and Leader of the Council, assisted in making improvements throughout the District.

Councillor Wilkins thanked his colleagues both past and present and thanked Council staff for their hard work.

CL/148 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/149 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/150 **SEALED DOCUMENTS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Seal</u>	<u>Nature of Document</u>
11.01.19	12184	Transfer – 147 Chestnut Avenue, Midway
07.02.19	12199	Transfer – 63 Repton Road, Hartshorne
28.02.19	12209	Transfer – 32 George Street, Church Gresley
21.03.19	12217	Transfer – 43 South Drive, Newhall
21.03.19	12219	Transfer – 5 Vale Road, Hartshorne

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Sealed Documents listed, for which there is no specific authority, be duly authorised.***

CL/151 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2019/20**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Council, advising the report outlined how the rates of pay were calculated and showed the relationship between the lowest and highest paid member of staff.

**RESOLVED:**

***1.1 Council approved the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2019/2020 for publication.***

CL/152 **ADDITION TO THE COUNCIL'S LIST OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to Council; advising Members the creation of the new organisation was the result of the Council joining the Central Building Control Partnership.

Councillor Ford proposed a motion to defer the Item until after the District Election, which was carried by the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

***Council approved to defer the item to Annual Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019.***

CL/153 **CYCLE OF MEETINGS 2019/20**

Councillor Watson requested consideration be given to the date of the Council Meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020 so that it did not coincide with the Easter Holidays.

Councillor Richards queried if the Civic Council meeting scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 at the Town Hall would be impacted by the European Election as the Town Hall was traditionally used a polling station. The Chief Executive informed Council the Civic Council meeting would be taking place as normal and an alternative polling station would be set up at the Civic Offices.

**RESOLVED:**

**Council approved the cycle of Meetings for 2019/20.**CL/154 **OPEN MINUTES**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the open minutes of the following Committees and Area Forum meetings were approved as a true record:-***

<b><u>Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Minutes No's</u></b>
Etwall JMC	09.01.19	EL/8-EL/13
Environmental and Development Services	24.01.19	EDS/80-EDS/89
Overview and Scrutiny	13.02.19	OS/49-OS/56
Finance and Management	14.02.19	FM/126–FM/139
Planning	26.02.19	PL/151-PL/160
Environmental and Development Services	28.02.19	EDS/93-EDS/105

Councillor Richards made reference to Minute No.EDS/103 and queried if there was a contingency plan in place in light of the recent announcement in relation to the waste contract. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) responded to the query, noting they are aware of the announcement and a response had been received from Derbyshire County Council, which concluded the matter was being addressed and provisions had been made.

Councillor Taylor made reference to Minute No. EDS/101 and noted his comments were in reference to the funding gap in relation to the regeneration route. Tollgate island had a significant impact due to the amount of traffic and the funding gap was a disappointment for local residents.

The Chief Executive informed Council £6.4 million had been secured to reinvest in the regeneration route and any variation to the policy would be brought to Members' attention.

Housing and Community Services	07.03.19	HCS/88-HCS/99
Finance and Management	14.03.19	FM/147-FM/160
Planning	19.03.19	PL/163-PL/174
Overview and Scrutiny	27.03.19	OS/57-OS/65

**Area Forum**

Newhall	22.01.19	NA/8-NA/14
Repton	23.01.19	RA/15-RA/21
Etwall	29.01.19	EA/8-EA/14
Linton	30.01.19	LA/15-LA/20
Swadlincote	06.02.19	SA/15-SA/21
Melbourne	12.02.19	MA/15-MA/21

CL/155 **THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PANELS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**RESOLVED:**

*Council were informed that no amendments were to be made.*

CL/156 **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

**RESOLVED:**

*Council were informed that no amendments were to be made.*

CL/157 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

**RESOLVED:**

*Council were informed that no amendments were to be made.*

CL/158 **MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

**RESOLVED:**

*Council were informed that no amendments were to be made.*

CL/159 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

**RESOLVED:-**

*That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as indicated in the reports of Committees.*

**EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

*The Exempt Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (CL/139-CL/141) were approved as a true record.*

**EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11**

*Council was informed that no questions had been received.*

**LAND TRANSFER TO WESTERN POWER DISTRIBUTION**

*Council approved the recommendation detailed in the Report.*

**EXEMPT MINUTES**

***Council received and considered the Exempt Minutes of its committees.***

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Exempt Minutes of the following Committees be approved as a true record:-***

Environmental and Development Services	24.01.19	EDS/90-EDS/92
Finance and Management	14.02.19	FM/140–FM/146
Planning	26.02.19	PL/161-PL/162
Finance and Management	14.03.19	FM/161- FM/166

The meeting terminated at 6.50pm.

COUNCILLOR M STANTON

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL