

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on 3rd April 2014
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs. Hood (Chairman), Councillor Murray (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Bale, Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, Jones, Lemmon, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Plenderleith, Roberts, Smith, Stanton, Mrs. Watson, Watson and Wheeler.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Bell, Chahal, Dunn, Frost, Mrs. Heath, Mrs. Mead, Mulgrew, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor, Tilley and Wilkins.

CL/88 **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Pearson (Labour Group).

CL/89 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3rd March 2014 (Minute Nos. CL/71 – CL/85) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CL/90 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that she had recently attended the march through the town of Ashbourne by the Mercian Regiment, who had been given Freedom of the District. She had also attended the opening of the new Maseys store and the Padley Centre event at Derby University. She had also enjoyed afternoon tea with Queen Elizabeth I actor at Tutbury Castle.

CL/91 **HEAD OF PAID SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Head of Paid Service advised that Related Party Transactions correspondence would be sent to members and should be returned by 30th April 2014.

He advised that officers were looking at a way to ensure meetings were continuous for Safer Neighbourhood and Area Forum meetings, and this matter may come back to Members, as they are statutory meetings.

He also advised, following the restructure of the Community and Planning Directorate, to assist Members, a document was to be issued to all Members with photographs and numbers of Officers.

CL/92 **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED:-

That the Open reports of the following Committees be received and noted and any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted, subject to any matters annotated:-

Finance and Management Committee, 20th February 2014 (Minute Nos. FM/83 – FM/91).

Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 3rd March 2014 (Minute Nos. LAS/31 – LAS/32).

Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 3rd March 2014 (Minute Nos. LAS/35 – LAS/37).

Environmental and Development Services Committee, 6th March 2014 (Minute Nos. EDS/39 – EDS/49).

(Minute No. ED/46 – Councillor Taylor requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the secondary school reference was to a provision for a secondary school, not a singular school.

Councillor Taylor wished for it to be noted the secondary school provision was debated at the Committee meeting, with discussion of the school being where the properties and children are).

Housing and Community Services Committee, 13th March 2014 (Minute Nos. HCS/41 – HCS/48).

Area Forums

Linton, 29th January 2014 (Minute Nos. LA/18 - LA/26).

Swadlincote, 4th February 2014 (Minute Nos. SA/19 – SA/27).

Newhall, 5th February 2014 (Minute Nos. NA/17 – NA/25).

Repton, 17th February 2014 (Minute Nos. RA/8 – RA/16).

Melbourne, 18th February 2014 (Minute Nos. MA/17 – MA/25).

CL/93 **SEALING OF DOCUMENTS**

RESOLVED:-

That the Sealed Documents listed at Annexe “SMB1” to the Signed Minute Book, which have no specific authority, be duly authorised.

CL/94 **CORPORATE ACTION PLAN 2014/15**

It was reported the Council had approved a five-year Corporate Plan covering the period 2010 to 2015. Quarterly performance reports were taken to Policy Committees to monitor progress against the Plan. The refreshed Action Plan for 2014/15 set out the priorities for the year ahead along with the projects and the key measures of success that will be support the delivery of the Plan.

The report set out the Council adopted the Corporate Plan in February 2009. The Plan contains the Council's vision, values and priorities over the four Council themes of:

- Sustainable Growth & Opportunity
- Safe and Secure
- Lifestyle Choices
- Value for Money

The report outlined during January 2014, Officers had been involved in a series of facilitated workshops to refresh the Corporate Action Plan. Each workshop focussed on addressing one of the four themes within the Corporate Plan. The sessions held had been challenging and focussed on improving service delivery within the resources available. Each workshop included a review of the:

- past year performance against priorities.
- issues coming out of recent consultations and national policy.
- financial position and budgets available to deliver these priorities.

As a result, the priorities in each theme were updated along with the refreshment of projects and measures that will form the basis of the Corporate Action Plan for 2014/15.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated Corporate Action Plan for 2014/15 be approved.

CL/95 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2014/15**

It was reported the Localism Act 2011 (the Act) requires all local authorities, to publish annually a Pay Policy Statement. The purpose of the report was to seek approval for the Council's Statement for the year 2014/15. This would then be published on the Council's website in accordance with the Act. This was the third annual statement since the introduction of the Act.

RESOLVED:-

That the draft Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2014/15 be approved for publication.

CL/96 **AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES – RECORDED VOTES AT BUDGET MEETINGS**

The report advised Council on The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 which made it mandatory for

recorded votes to be taken at budget meetings. The Regulations came into force on 25th February 2014 and made it mandatory for Councils, as soon as practicable, to amend their Standing Orders so as to include provisions requiring recorded votes at budget meetings.

RESOLVED:-

That the wording of the Council's Procedure Rules be amended in order to comply with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.

CL/97 **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3rd March 2014 (Minute Nos. CL/86 – CL/87), were duly received and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Exempt reports of the following Committees were received and noted and any recommendations contained therein, approved and adopted:-

Finance and Management Committee, 20th February 2014 (Minute Nos. FM/92 – FM/97).

Environmental and Development Services Committee, 6th March 2014 (Minute No. EDS/50).

Housing and Community Services Committee, 13th March 2014 (Minute No. HCS/49).

Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee, 3rd March 2014 (LAS/33 – LAS/34).

A. HOOD

CHAIRMAN