

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on Wednesday 28 February 2024
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillor S Bambrick (Chair) and Councillor M Gee (Vice-Chair) and Councillors A Archer, J Carroll, S Harrison, A Haynes, I Hudson, J Jackson, A Jones, G Jones, L Mulgrew, M Mulgrew, D Pegg, R Pearson, V Redfern, G Rhind, D Shepherd, L Singh, B Stuart, S Taylor, A Tilley and N Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors N Atkin, D Corbin, M Fitzpatrick, M Ford, K Haines, A Kirke, J Lowe, S Meghani, D Muller and P Watson.

Liberal Democrats

Councillors G Andrew and J Davies

Non-Grouped

Councillor A Wheelton

CL/110 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor K Storey (Labour Group).

CL/111 **TO CONFIRM THE OPEN MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 18 January 2024 (CL/90 - CL/106) were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

CL/112 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

On behalf of all Members, the Chair declared a pecuniary interest in relation to Item CL/121 General Fund Revenue Budget And Council Tax Setting 2024-25, in accordance with clause 14(4)(vi) of the Members Code of Conduct.

CL/113 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair of the Council addressed Members and informed them of the recent visit to Burton Albion Stadium for the Pingle Academy Awards Ceremony and congratulated Councillor S Meghani and family and Councillor K Storey and partner on the arrival of their babies.

CL/114 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader of South Derbyshire District Council addressed Council and thanked officers for the upgrade work carried out in the Chamber. The Leader congratulated Councillor S Meghani and partner and Councillor K Storey and partner on the birth of their babies and wished them both well.

CL/115 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Head of Paid Service addressed Council noting that the portrait of the King Charles III would be arriving in the near future and that the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II would be relocated. Council was informed that a letter supporting the application for the East Midlands Investment Zone had been issued and that the Returning Officer would send out information regarding purdah in relation elections taking place on 02 May 2024.

CL/116 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL117 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.11 Councillor Kirke asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

“Would the Leader agree that there was a need to review the requirement, relevance, quality, and mode of delivery of the training delivered to elected members of this council?”

The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor Kirke for the question and informed Council that he was satisfied with the current provision of training available to all Members of the Council. It was noted that Member training was provided by a range of delivery methods including both online and in person training. Elements of training provided to Members incorporated statutory training, as well as induction training and good practice. The Leader of the Council confirmed that Members were able to request additional training based on their needs and/or specific roles and there was available an adequate budget to cover the cost of such and encouraged Members to make any specific requests.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule no11 Councillor Kirke asked a supplementary question regarding advance notification of training dates.

The Leader of the Council confirmed that there would be advance notification and requested that any conflicts were advised accordingly.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.11 Councillor Corbin will ask the Leader of the Council the following question:

“Having discussed this matter over a six month period regularly with the chief executive and also knowing the directors of the council are aware of these issues yet we see little improvement across the organisation. Can the leader therefore commit to undertaking a review of the council processes with regards to communications between members and officers. I can give many examples, and have provided these to the chief executive, where members of the Conservative Party, at least, have emailed queries to officers in varying departments and waited at times anywhere between 2-4 months for a response in some cases. This is hampering members in being able to do our jobs and serve the public. I can also provide examples where the members are ignored for 2+ months and then a response happens but goes from the officer to someone other than the councillor who actually raised the matter and brought the question into council. Given we have seen presentations of policies, requiring members to reply to all emails in a timely manner within days, in recent months and have a Members Code of Conduct that we are held to why this council seems unable to provide the same communication to members. What assurances can the leader give us that this will be resolved and how will it be resolved?”

The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor Corbin for the question. The Leader of the Council informed Councillor Corbin that it was an operational matter and a question for the Chief Executive as Head of the Paid Service to answer. He advised the Chief Executive would be asked to provide Councillor Corbin with a written response.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.11 Councillor Corbin asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

“When are we as a council going to engage in the devolution process? Until now we have seen this council reject engagement in the devolution process, including the letter sent in the last council as our consultation response to the devolution and mayoral authority.

Now, whether members like the devolution process or not, we can see and know it is happening regardless as it is an upper tier authority matter with elections slated for May 2024.

This devolution promises to allow us in Derbyshire and South Derbyshire to take control of funding and finance matters locally. Improve infrastructure and transport and many other areas.

There are two seats at the table for borough and district councils that I would hope South Derbyshire would fill one of instead of representation by two other Derbyshire councils.

So when are we going to engage in this process, and how, given our reticence previously, are we going to strive to gain one of those two seats at the table in the mayoral authority to be able to represent South Derbyshire as well as we can - given that this devolution process is happening whether we like it or not, and we cannot continue to isolate ourselves from it stubbornly?”

The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor Corbin for the question. Councillor Corbin was informed that the Leader of South Derbyshire District Council was engaging in discussions regarding the proposed Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board (a Joint Committee) and that a report to establish the joint committee and delegated functions to it would be presented to Council in due course.

The Leader of the Council added that it was understood that the District representatives would be put forward by the Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board to the East Midlands County Combined Authority and that it would be the role of the District representatives to put forward the views of all of the districts.

Councillor Corbin sought clarity regarding representation on the Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board.

The Leader of the Council advised that a report was tabled regarding the Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board and the Council would be represented accordingly.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.11 Councillor Corbin asked the Leader of the Council the following question:

“Can the leader explain how the leading group have produced their HRA budget; and what targets have been set with voids to allow them to create this budget?”

The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor Corbin for the question. The Leader of the Council referred Councillor Corbin to Item CL/122, which explains how the Housing Revenue Account budget had been produced and also to Council Plan 2024 - 2028 Performance Dashboard in Item CL/119 which specified targets for the average time taken to re-let Council Homes with major works required.

CL/118 **NOTICES OF MOTION IN ORDER OF WHICH THEY WERE RECEIVED**

Council was informed that no notices of motion had been received.

CL/119 **COUNCIL PLAN 2024-2028**

The Chief Executive addressed Council and presented the report noting the collaboration that had taken place with residents, officers and Members to produce the Council Plan.

The Leader of the Council informed Council how proud he was to support the Council Plan and reiterated the collaborative work that had taken place.

Councillor Fitzpatrick sought clarity regarding the values and the increase in complaints and raised queries in relation to voids and the measurement of financial resilience.

The Chief Executive clarified that the values were aspirational but would be worked towards and that current issues would be addressed.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) advised Council that voids and relet times were aligned with the budget and that the Medium Term Financial Strategy would feed into the quarterly dashboard and be reported on annually.

Councillor Andrew sought clarity regarding the inward investment into the Swadlincote urban core.

The Leader of the Council assured Council that the Plan was for the benefit of the whole of South Derbyshire and there were some specific plans for Swadlincote.

Councillor Wheelton commended the way in which officers put residents first and how they went above and beyond their roles to help residents during recent floods and requested that thanks be passed on.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council approved the Council Plan 2024-2028 as attached at Appendix A to the report.

1.2 Council approved the Performance Dashboard 2024-2028 attached as Appendix B to the report.

CL/120 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECTION 151 OFFICER**

The Section 151 Officer addressed Council and presented the report explaining how it provided commentary on the robustness of budgetary estimates and adequacy of reserves, which had both been subject to risk assessments. The Section 151 Officer outlined the commentary around the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account and sought approval of the recommendations.

Members commended the report and supported the officer's recommendation.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council noted the Section 151 Officer's report on the robustness of budgetary estimates and the adequacy of reserves and considered its content as part of approving the General Fund budget 2024/25, the Housing Revenue Account budget 2024/25, the Capital budget and programme for 2024/25 – 2028/29 and the Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25.

1.2 Council approved the minimum level of General Fund reserves at £1.35 million as set out in the report and to continue with a level of £1 million for the Housing Revenue Account.

CL/121 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2024-25

The Leader of the Council addressed Council and presented the budget for Council approval, which had been developed through cross-party engagement over the previous four months and included proposals put forward as part of that.

The Council Tax and Budget set out before Members were based on the recommendations of the Finance and Management Committee from 15 February 2024.

Before proposing the recommendations within the report, the Leader of the Council made the following statement on the Council's proposed budget and level of Council Tax.

CURRENT YEAR

In the current budget year, the Council has begun to stabilise its position, more accurately forecasting funding, particularly business rates and the return from the Derbyshire Business Rates pool but also the income the Council earns by investing its reserves. This had the effect of closing in part the budgeted gap that was originally forecast for next year of £3.1 million and also allowed the Council to look at its finances through a new lens and begin to invest in services where it was much needed.

The Council has continued to see inflationary pressure feature, in the staff pay award, energy costs, fuel and other inflationary linked spend. Recruitment, like last year, continued to be a problem, with some services relying on temporary and higher cost resources. But the Council has also seen additional pressures come forward – for example, in Quarter 2 it was identified that the level of spend on spare parts and works to keep its fleet on the road had hit an all-time high, evidencing the critical need for investment in fleet which, the Leader was pleased to say, would be brought forward as part of the budget.

BUDGET 2024/25

The Leader of the Council informed Members that he was delighted to present the balanced budget to Council for approval.

Council was informed that the budget built on the experiences of the current year, not only in accurately predicting funding and income but also in investing in services so that officers have the right resources to deliver good and improved services and enable delivery of the new Council Plan.

The Leader of the Council noted that as Members considered the budget and council tax for 2024/25 it would be done so in the context of an uncertain economic outlook.

The Leader of the Council explained that the Medium-Term Financial Plan provided a snapshot of the most likely position of the Council's finances looking ahead to 2028/29. It showed that its medium-term position was characterised by budget gaps because of assumed local government funding reform, a

situation that was recognised nationally and, in many councils' medium term financial plans.

The plan detailed how the Council had sufficient reserves to balance the budget gaps to 2027/28, by 2028/29 (year 5 of the plan) reserves would be exhausted, which was why the Council would bring forward a new Medium Term Financial Strategy that had been co-designed with all Members of the Council, to set out how the Council would take forward new initiatives and projects and reinvigorate current operations to be able to bring in additional income and reduce expenditure to close these gaps.

The Leader of the Council noted that contributions to parish councils for concurrent functions remained at the 2023/24 levels for next year. Which would demonstrate the Council's commitment to working with its valued community partners and was in stark contrast to the situation seen in many other councils where concurrent grants have been removed.

In summary the Leader was pleased to report that the budget proposals for 2024/25 once again contained no cuts to services and that the opposite was true: the budget served to invest in resources to deliver for our residents.

COUNCIL TAX

The Leader of the Council turned to the proposed level of Council Tax for the District, following recommendations from the Finance and Management Committee on 15 February 2024. In keeping Council Tax as low as possible, especially in the current economic climate when many residents were facing increased household bills, was extremely important to the Council. The level of Council Tax proposed was a difficult decision to balance and one that must maintain the Council's financial position in uncertain times but also protect residents from big increases in Council Tax bills.

The Finance and Management Committee considered several options at its meetings in November 2023 and February 2024 when the draft budget was put together. The Committee also carefully reviewed comments received from members of the public as part of the public budget consultation when it reconsidered Council Tax at its February meeting, which on balance was supportive and understanding of the proposed increase. It also considered an Equalities Impact Assessment, which identified that the Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme would likely absorb much of the increase for eligible residents on lower incomes.

The Leader of the Council let Members know that, even with the 2.99% increase, the Band D Council Tax would continue to remain the lowest Band D within Derbyshire compared even at the current year's levels. The Leader of the Council highlighted that South Derbyshire District Council only accounted for 9% share of the overall household bill, with the Band D total Council Tax for next year at £2,099.60, out of which £179.86 would be retained by this Council, with the remaining being charged and collected on behalf of Derbyshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire and Rescue.

It was noted that South Derbyshire District Council would continue to support households on low incomes with the proposed continuation of the support scheme which would see many residents pay little or no Council Tax.

On behalf of all Members the Leader of the Council thanked the Chief Executive and staff across the Council for their excellent work throughout the last year.

Before moving the recommendations of the report, the Leader of the Council pointed out that paragraph 1.2 of the report was to be amended to read: Council approved the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2024/25, and to note the Medium-Term Financial Plan as set out in Appendix 1." The original wording omitted the words "to note" as Council does not approve the Medium-Term Financial Plan it notes it.

The Leader of the Council concluded by commending and moving the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Corbin addressed Council and proposed an alternative budget proposal, that included the unfreezing of concurrent functions, an improvement to the double taxation position, the removal of the grant for Sharpe's Potteries, no additional spending in Housing and Planning service areas, improvements to the recycling service, an alternative to the introduction of electric fleet vehicles and the transformation of Swadlincote town centre.

The Leader of the Council and Members considered and discussed the alternative budget proposals noting that the review of concurrent functions did not relate to removal of the funding, that the town centre master plan was to be reviewed, that the fleet replacement was to address the climate emergency and that the Budget was for the community and supported the Council Plan.

Following a vote, the alternative budget proposed by Councillor Corbin was not carried.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 Council approved an increase in Council Tax by the maximum referendum limit of 2.99%, as recommended by the Finance and Management Committee on the 15 February 2024.**
- 1.2 Following approval of 1.1, Council approved the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2024/25, and Medium-Term Financial Plan as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 1.3 Council approved the proposed fees and charges as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.**
- 1.4 Council approved the Council Tax for 2024/25 as detailed below, including the accompanying Schedules A to C of the report.**
 - 1.4.1 It be noted that on 11th January 2024, Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2024/25:**

- (a) For the whole area as 38,809 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011).**
- (b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish Precept related as 26,502.**

1.4.2 That the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2024/25 be calculated as £6,980,187.

1.4.3 That the following amounts be calculated for the year 2024/25 in accordance with Sections 31 and 36 of the Localism Act 2011:

- (a) £50,152,864 - being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimated for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act (gross expenditure including parish precepts, the Housing Revenue Account and the additions to reserves)**
- (b) £42,049,570 - Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimated for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act (a) to (d) of the Act (gross income including the Housing Revenue Account and use of reserves).**
- (c) £8,103,294 - Being the amount by which the aggregate of 1.4.3(a) above exceeds the aggregate of 1.4.3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).**
- (d) £208.80 - Being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (average Council Tax for a Band D property for the District including Parish Council Precepts).**
- (e) £1,123,108 - Being the aggregate amount of all Parish Precepts referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act.**
- (f) £179.86 - Being the amount at 1.4.3 (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 1.4.3 (e) above by Item T (1a above) calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for**

dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish Precept relates.

As required by the Council's Procedure Rules a recorded vote was taken.

The Members who voted in favour of the resolution above were:

Councillors G Andrew, A Archer, S Bambrick, J Carroll, J Davies, M Gee, S Harrison, A Haynes, I Hudson, J Jackson, A Jones, G Jones, L Mulgrew, M Mulgrew, R Pearson, D Pegg, V Redfern, G Rhind, D Shepherd, L Singh, B Stuart, S Taylor, A Tilley, N Tilley and A Wheelton.

The Members who voted against the resolution above were:

Councillors N Atkin, D Corbin, M Fitzpatrick, M Ford, K Haines, A Kirke, J Lowe, S Meghani, D Muller and P Watson.

CL/122 **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT AND RENT SETTING 2024-25**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) summarised the report and sought approval for the recommendations.

Members considered the report and commended the officers' recommendations.

Councillor Corbin proposed an alternative rent increase of 7% and suggested that rent loss could be reduced through bringing voids down.

Members discussed the alternative rent increase.

Following a vote, the alternative rent increase proposed by Councillor Corbin was not carried.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council approved an increase to Council housing rent of 7.7% for 2024/25.

1.2 Following approval of 1.1, Council approved the Housing Revenue Account budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2024/25, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

As required by the Council's Procedure Rules a recorded vote was taken.

The Members who voted in favour of the resolution above were:

Councillors G Andrew, A Archer, S Bambrick, J Carroll, J Davies, M Gee, S Harrison, A Haynes, I Hudson, J Jackson, A Jones, G Jones, L Mulgrew, M Mulgrew, R Pearson, D Pegg, V Redfern, G Rhind, D Shepherd, L Singh, B Stuart, S Taylor, A Tilley, N Tilley and A Wheelton.

The Members who abstained from voting on the resolution above were:

Councillors N Atkin, D Corbin, M Fitzpatrick, M Ford, K Haines, A Kirke, J Lowe, S Meghani, D Muller and P Watson.

CL/123 **CAPITAL BUDGET 2024-25 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME TO 2028-29**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

Members commended the report and supported the officer's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council considered and approved the capital programme expenditure and funding to 2029.

1.2 Council noted the indicative Capital Programme for 2025/26 – 2028/29 and approved the Fleet Replacement budget for 2025/26.

CL/124 **CAPITAL STRATEGY, TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2024/25**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report and outlined the repayment of debts, Capital expenditure and the support for local services.

Members commended the report and supported the officer's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council approved the following appendices 1.1.1 to 1.1.5, to the report, as recommended by the Finance and Management Committee on the 15 February 2024.

1.1.1 Treasury Management Strategy (Appendix 1)

1.1.2 Prudential Indicators (Appendix 2)

1.1.3 Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy (Appendix 3)

1.1.4 Capital Strategy (Appendix 4)

1.1.5 Non-Treasury Investment Strategy (Appendix 5)

CL/125 **PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF BANDED COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME FOR 2024 -2025**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report sought approval for the continuation of the reduction scheme and support for hardship cases.

Members commended the report and supported the officer's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council approved the continuation of a banded Council Tax Reduction Scheme for working age recipients for 2024/2025, to include the following changes as recommended at Finance and Management Committee on 15 February 2024.

- **Uprating to the applicable amounts in line with the prescribed scheme but with the exception of non-dependent deduction for working age which would remain at £5.00 for 2024/2025 year for all cases.**
- **Adopted any other changes within the prescribed scheme in accordance with the statutory instrument published in January 2024.**
- **To undertake a review of the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme in 2024 to allow time to implement any potential changes for the 2025/2026 scheme following consultation.**
- **The continuation of current funding of £20,000 for hardship cases.**

CL/126 **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - DRAKELOW: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Helen Fudge attended the meeting and presented the report to Council. Members were asked to consider and support the recommendations within the report.

Members supported the recommendations within the report.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council considered and approved the following draft recommendations in respect of the Drakelow Community Governance Review as the basis for further consultation as required.

1.2 That:

1.2.1 the existing Parish Meeting for the parished area of Drakelow be abolished on 31 March 2025 and replaced with a Parish Council.

1.2.2 a Parish Council for the parished area of Drakelow be constituted with effect from 01 April 2025.

1.2.3 the new Council for the parished area of Drakelow be styled as a Parish Council and constituted as “Drakelow Parish Council”.

1.2.4 the area and boundaries of Drakelow Parish Council remain the same as those on which the current Drakelow Parish Meeting

was based, as indicated on the plan attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

1.2.5 Drakelow Parish Council have nine Parish Councillors when created in 2025 and to rise to eleven when the number of local electors reaches 905.

1.2.6 there will be no Parish Wards in Drakelow Parish Council's area.

1.2.7 in accordance with the statutory Guidance on Community Governance Reviews, Drakelow Parish Council be established with effect from 1 April 2025 and local elections be held in May 2025.

CL/127 **OPEN MINUTES:**

Council received and considered the open minutes of the following Committees.

Committee	Date	Minutes Nos
Housing and Community Services	08 January 2024	HCS/54 – HCS/62
Planning	09 January 2024	PL/137-PL/152
Etwall JMC	10 January 2024	EL/15 – EL/22
Finance and Management	11 January 2024	FM/80 – FM/88
Overview and Scrutiny	17 January 2024	OS/28 – OS/36
Planning (Extraordinary)	23 January 2024	PL/153- PL/159
Environmental and Development Services	25 January 2024	EDS/61 – EDS/74
Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee	29 January 2024	LAS/31 – LAS/34
Planning	06 February 2024	PL/160 – PL/177
Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee	12 February 2024	LAS/36 – LAS/39
Overview & Scrutiny	14 February 2024	OS/37 – OS/46

RESOLVED:

That the Open Minutes of the above mentioned Committees were approved as a true record.

CL/128 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS 2023/24**

Members reviewed the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels 2023/24.

RESOLVED:

Council was informed that no amendments were to be made.

CL/129 **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

Members reviewed the composition of the Substitute Panels 2023/24.

RESOLVED:

Finance and Management Committee

Councillor A Tilley to be removed.

CL/130 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2023/24**

Members reviewed the Outside Bodies representation list 2023/24

RESOLVED:

The East Midlands Airport Information Meeting

Councillor S Taylor (Chair of E&DS Committee)

Councillor K Storey (Vice-Chair of E&DS Committee)

Councillor J Carroll

Councillor D Muller

CL/131 **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Members reviewed the Representation of Member Champions.

RESOLVED:

Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/132 **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 18 January 2024 (CL/107 - CL/109) 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.

EXEMPT MINUTES

Council received and considered the Exempt Minutes of its Committees.

Committee	Date	Minutes Nos
<i>Etwall JMC</i>	<i>10 January 2024</i>	<i>EL/23</i>
<i>Finance and Management</i>	<i>11 January 2024</i>	<i>FM/89–FM/90</i>
<i>Environmental and Development Services</i>	<i>25 January 2024</i>	<i>EDS/75 – EDS/79</i>
<i>Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee</i>	<i>29 February 2024</i>	<i>LAS/35</i>
<i>Planning</i>	<i>06 February 2024</i>	<i>PL/178 – PL/179</i>

The meeting terminated at 19:45.

COUNCILLOR S BAMBRICK

CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL