

MINUTES of the MEETING
of the SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on 21st May 2015
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Murray (Chairman), Councillor Atkin (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Brown, Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, MacPherson, Muller, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Roberts, Smith, Stanton, Swann, Watson, Wheeler and Mrs Wyatt.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Chahal, Dunn, Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Mrs Stuart, Taylor, Tilley and Wilkins.

CL/1 **PRESENTATION OF LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

The Chairman presented a long service award to Mr John Lemmon marking over 25 years service as a Member of South Derbyshire District Council. Members congratulated Mr Lemmon on his achievement.

CL/2 **APOLOGIES**

None received.

CL/3 **ELECTED MEMBERS**

The Chief Executive referred to the recent District Council Elections Members appointments, as detailed in the Agenda and welcomed all new and returning Members.

CL/4 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2nd April 2015 (Minutes Nos. CL/141-CL/153) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

CL/5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

CL/6 **APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was noted, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, that Councillor Wheeler was Leader of the Conservative Group and Councillor Richards was Leader of the Labour Group.

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Wheeler be appointed Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

CL/7 **APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

It was noted, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, that Councillor Mrs Coyle was the Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group and Councillor Southerd was the Deputy Leader of the Labour Group.

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Mrs Coyle be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the ensuing year.

CL/8 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, LEADER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chairman thanked Members and Officers for their support during his term in office.

The Leader welcomed all Members to the Council and made reference to various recent local events, thanking those volunteers and officers who made these events such a success for the community.

The Chief Executive informed Council that the Stenson Fields and Barrow on Trent Parish Councils had requested boundary changes in their respective areas and that the necessary procedures had been initiated.

CL/9 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council were informed no questions had been received.

CL/10 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

CL/11 **NOTICES OF MOTION**

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

CL/12 **OPEN MINUTES**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

RESOLVED:-

That the open minutes of the following Committees be approved as a true record:-

Planning Committee, 24th March 2015 (Minute Nos. PL/179–PL/191)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 25th March 2015 (Minute Nos. OS/51-OS/57)

Standards Sub-Committee, 26th March 2015 (Minute Nos. SC/1-SC/4)

Environmental and Development Services Committee, 9th April 2015 (Minute Nos. EDS/95-EDS/102)

Planning Committee, 14th April 2015 (Minute Nos. PL/192-PL/205)

Housing and Community Services Committee, 16th April 2015 (Minutes Nos. HCS/86–HCS/95)

Finance and Management Committee, 23rd April 2015 (Minutes Nos. FM/123-FM/131)

CL/13 **POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY**

It was reported that the Council's duty to determine the allocation of seats was prescribed by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, as modified by the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

A report was submitted which confirmed the political composition of the Council. It also set out the requirements to review representation of the different political groups at, or as soon as practicable after, the Annual Meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 1.1(e) the Council appoints the Committees and Sub-Committees as set out at Annexe "A" to these Minutes, together with the six Area Forums detailed in Article 9 of the Council's Constitution.***
- (2) That the Council approves and adopts the recommended allocation of seats to the Political Groups for the municipal year 2015/16.***
- (3) That the Council allocates seats between the Political Groups as set out at Annexe "A" to these Minutes and invites the two Groups to make nominations to fill these seats.***

CL/14 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS 2015/16**

Members reviewed the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels for 2015/16.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the nominations of Members to serve on Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels for the ensuing year, as set out at Annexe "B" to these Minutes be received and noted.***
- (2) That the appointments of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen be approved as indicated.***

CL/15 **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

Members reviewed the composition of the Substitute Panels for 2015/16.

RESOLVED:-

That the nominations of Members to serve on Substitute Panels, as set out at Annexe "C" to these Minutes, be received and noted.

CL/16 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2015/16**

RESOLVED:-

That Council approves the schedule of persons nominated to serve on Outside Bodies for 2015/16, as set out at Annexe "D" to these Minutes.

CL/17 **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

RESOLVED:-

That Council approves the schedule of Members Champions for 2015/16 as set out at Annexe "E" to these Minutes.

CL/18 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AT AREA FORUMS**

RESOLVED:-

That the following Chairmen be appointed to the Area Forums as indicated below:-

***Etwall Area Forum – Councillor Mrs. Brown
Linton Area Forum – Councillor Murray
Melbourne Area Forum – Councillor Harrison
Newhall Area Forum – Councillor Bambrick
Repton Area Forum – Councillor Smith
Swadlincote Area Forum – Councillor Rhind***

CL/19 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2014/15**

The annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2014/15 was submitted to Council. The Chairman of the Committee presented this document to Members, speaking on the reviews undertaken during the previous year.

RESOLVED:-

That the Council receives the annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2014/15

CL/20 **CYCLE OF MEETINGS 2015/16**

RESOLVED:-

That the Council approves the Cycle of Committee meetings scheduled for 2015/16.

CL/21 **PLANNING CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE**

The Monitoring Officer presented the report, with the Chief Executive making reference to points to be considered. Members proposed that the Code be referred to the Environmental and Development Services Committee for further consideration in relation to site inspections.

RESOLVED:-

That the proposed Planning Code of Good Practice be referred to the Environmental and Development Services Committee.

CL/22 **TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS TO PARISH COUNCILS**

The Chief Executive presented the report, referring to the requirement to temporarily appoint District Councillors to three Parish Councils; Burnaston, Dalbury Lees and Linton, to ensure they remain quorate.

RESOLVED:-

That the Chief Executive be authorised to appoint District Councillors to Parish Councils in accordance with the relevant procedures.

CL/23 **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, held on 2nd April 2015, (Minute Nos. CL/154-CL/157) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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

Council were informed that no questions had been received.

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 Committee, 9th April 2015
(Minute Nos. EDS/103-EDS/104)*

Planning Committee, 14th April 2015 (Minute Nos. PL/206-PL/207)

Housing and Community Services Committee, 16th April 2015 (Minute Nos. HCS/96-HCS/97)

Finance and Management Committee, 23rd April 2015 (Minute Nos. FM/132-FM/137)

The Meeting terminated at 6.50pm

COUNCILLOR P MURRAY

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL