

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING of the  
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way  
on Thursday, 03 November 2022  
at 6.00pm

**PRESENT:**

**Labour Group**

Councillor Dunn (Chair), Councillor Bambrick (Vice-Chair) and Councillors, Gee, Heath, L. Mulgrew, M Mulgrew, Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Singh, Southerd, Stuart and Taylor.

**Conservative Group**

Councillors Ackroyd, Atkin, Brown, Dawson, Corbin, Ford, Fitzpatrick, Haines, Hewlett, Lemmon, Muller, Patten, Redfern and Watson.

**Independent Group**

Councillors MacPherson and Roberts.

**Non-Grouped**

Councillor Wheelton and Councillor Churchill

Cllr Watson thanked Members for best wishes and sympathy fellow councillors and Council Officers expressed thanks to my wife. Great to be back as District Councillor.

CL/65 **APOLOGIES**

Council was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors Pegg and Tilley (Labour Group) and Councillors Bridgen and Smith (Conservative Group).

CL/66 **PRESENTATION: INSPECTOR MIKE SISMAN**

The Chief Executive welcomed Police Inspector Mike Sisman and invited him to address Council.

The Police Inspector addressed Council and informed Councillors of the award granted to the Police's Safer Neighbourhood Team and thanked Members of the Council and Officers for their, support, help and partnership working which, had contributed to the team winning the award.

The Police Inspector, updated Council of work and initiatives that had taken place during the previous 12 months and noted that whilst performance had been good in relation to burglaries in the District there was improvements to be made in relation to vehicle crime. Council was also informed of the anti-knife crime initiative to take place later in the month.

Leader of the Council congratulated the Police Inspector in relation to the Safe Neighbourhood Award and thanked him for the work undertaken by policer officers and welcomed the partnership working between the Council and the police.

Members thanked the Police Inspector for attending Council and for the update information that had been shared.

CL/67 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 September (CL/44-CL/61) were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair of the Council.

CL/68 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Council was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor Atkin regarding Item CL/ 75 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

Council was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor Ford regarding Item CL/ 75 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

Council was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor Muller regarding Item CL/ 75 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

Council was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor Patten regarding Item CL/ 75 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

CL/69 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair of the Council addressed Members and informed them of his attendance at the South Derbyshire Talent Academy and the burial of a time capsule at Cadley View.

CL/70 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader of the Council addressed Council and informed Councillors of his visit to the Depot to thank the team for keeping services going throughout the pandemic. Council was updated on various events attended by the Leader of the Council which included, the Jubilee tree planting ceremony, the opening of a new local heating and air conditioning company and the new bottling factory at Dove Valley.

Council was informed that the Leader of the Council had written to Jeremy Hunt MP regarding the loss of support services for residents within South Derbyshire due to government errors. It was also noted that the local MP had raised questions regarding healthcare provision within South Derbyshire during Prime Minister's Question Time.

The Leader of the Council closed his address noting that health and wellbeing help, advice and guidance for residents from the Council and Members should be at the forefront for the Council and Members during this winter due to the cost of crisis, fuel increase, the flu epidemic and covid.

CL/71 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Head of Paid Service addressed Council and confirmed that following the question received at the last Council meeting and as requested all information had been sent to the member of the public who raised the question

The Head of Paid Service invited Members to join the switching on of the Christmas lights ceremony and announced the start of the Light Extravaganza event in Swadlincote.

Council was formally informed of the Chief Executives' retirement date as of 31 March 2023 and the Head of Paid Service thanked Members for their kind words and also announced the early retirement of the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources).

CL/72 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received

CL/73 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.11 the Chair of the Council invited Councillor Corbin to read the following question on behalf of Councillor to the Leader of the Council the following question:

What additional consultation events for outlying areas would there be in relation to the Council's 5 year Plan?

The Leader of the Council informed Councillors that the question had been discussed today and that the Committee decision stands but those hard to reach Parishes would be looked at.

Councillor Corbin thanked the Leader for his response and requested that other areas be looked at.

The Leader of the Council confirmed that the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing had attend Area Forum Meetings to discuss the Plan and confirmed that there would be no going against a Committee decision.

CL/74 **TO CONSIDER ANY NOTICES OF MOTION**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 12, the Chair of the Council invited Councillor Pearson to move the following motion:

“South Derbyshire District Council notes that the Education Act 1996 prohibits schools from charging for education and the supply of materials, books, instruments or other equipment, during school hours. Furthermore, the Education (Guidance about Costs of School Uniforms) Act 2021 requires schools to keep the use of branded items to a minimum.

The Council also notes that several schools in South Derbyshire are charging parents and guardians fees for laptops and iPads, for branded clothing and for other activities during school hours.

At a time of an unprecedented cost of living crisis in which the cost of everyday essentials like groceries and bills are rising faster than average household incomes, any unnecessary costs on parents and guardians should be avoided.

In light of this, this Council resolves to write to all schools in South Derbyshire, and associated Multi-Academy Trusts, to remind them of their obligations under the relevant Education Acts and to encourage them to take active steps to prevent unnecessary costs on parents and guardians.”

**RESOLVED:**

***That South Derbyshire District Council resolved to write to all schools in South Derbyshire, and associated Multi-Academy Trusts, to remind them of their obligations under the relevant Education Acts and to encourage them to take active steps to prevent unnecessary costs on parents and guardians.***

CL/75 **ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

***The Chief Executive presented the report to the Committee and highlighted how the report encapsulated all the working undertaken during and post pandemic and sought approval for the publication of the report.***

Councillor Corbin commended the report along with Councillor MacPherson who noted that is another benchmark of how well the District was working.

The Chief Executive informed Council that refurbishment work of the Delph was due to being in January 2023.

**RESOLVED:**

***Council approved the Annual Report 2021/22 for publication, as per Appendix A of the report***

CL/76 **OPEN MINUTES:**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Open Minutes of the following Committees and Work Panel were approved as a true record.***

| <b>Committee</b>                        | <b>Date</b> | <b>Minutes No's</b> |
|---|-------------|---------------------|
| Planning Committee                      | 07.12.2021  | PL85 to PL/95       |
| Planning Committee                      | 11.01.2022  | PL/96 to PL/108     |
| Planning Committee                      | 08.02.2022  | PL/111 to PL/122    |
| Finance and Management Committee        | 10.02.2022  | FM/124 to FM/139    |
| Planning Committee                      | 08.03.2022  | PL/123 to PL/132    |
| Recruitment and Selection Working Panel | 19.10.2022  | 1 to 7              |
| Recruitment and Selection Working Panel | 20.10.2022  | 1 to 5              |

CL/77 **TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITIONS OF COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS**

The Members reviewed the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels 2022-23.

**RESOLVED:**

**Finance and Management Committee**

***Councillor Watson to replace Councillor Ackroyd***

**Housing and Community Services Committee**

***Councillor Corbin to replace Councillor Ackroyd***

**Environmental and Development Services Committee**

***Councillor Watson to replace Councillor Redfern***

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

***Councillor Ackroyd to replace Councillor Corbin***

**Audit Sub-Committee**

***Councillor Wheelton to replace Councillor Dunn as Chair***

**Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee**

***Councillor Watson to replace Councillor Ackroyd***

**Standards Sub-Committee**

***Councillor Brown to be removed.***

CL/78 **TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITIONS OF THE SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

The Members reviewed the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels 2022-23.

**RESOLVED:**

**Finance and Management Committee**

***Councillor Corbin to replace Councillor Watson***

**Planning Committee**

***Councillor Ford to replace Councillor Ackroyd***

***Councillor Watson to replace Councillor Corbin***

**Environmental and Development Committee**

***Councillor Corbin to replace Councillor Ackroyd***

***Councillor Redfern to replace Councillor Watson***

CL/79 **TO REVIEW THE REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members reviewed the Outside Bodies representation list.

**RESOLVED:**

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

CL/80 **TO REVIEW MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Members reviewed the Representation of Member Champions.

**RESOLVED:**

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

CL/81 **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 MEETING**

*The Exempt Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on the 15 September 2022(CL62-CL64) 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.*

**RESOLVED:**

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

| <b><u>Committee</u></b>                          | <b><u>Date</u></b>     | <b><u>Minutes No's</u></b>     |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b><i>Planning Committee</i></b>                 | <b><i>11.01.22</i></b> | <b><i>PL/109 to PL/110</i></b> |
| <b><i>Finance &amp; Management Committee</i></b> | <b><i>10.02.22</i></b> | <b><i>FM/140 to FM/146</i></b> |

The meeting terminated at 19:00 hours.

COUNCILLOR P DUNN

CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL