

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held via Microsoft Teams
on Thursday, 17th September 2020
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Conservative Group

Councillor Muller (Chairman), Councillor Atkin (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Angliss, Mrs Brown, Mrs Bridgen, Churchill, Corbin, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Mrs Haines, Hewlett, MacPherson, Mrs. Patten, Pegg, Dr. Perry, Roberts, Watson and Wheelton.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Gee, Mrs Heath, Mulgrew, Dr. Pearson, Richards, Shepherd, Singh, Southerd, Mrs. Stuart, Taylor, and Tilley.

CL/22 **APOLOGIES**

Council was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors Rhind and Brady and the Chief Executive.

CL/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Council was informed that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

CL/24 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the Council outlined a summary of events attended since the last Council Meeting including: VJ Day 75th Anniversary Service of Remembrance in Swadlincote; opening of a new business of a former Council employee named "In Work Hub" and "In Enterprise Hub" , a cheque presentation for £5,500 to Rainbows and it was hoped a sponsored Zip Wire event would raise further funds. The Chairman informed members that the 'Strictly over the Rainbow' event was still postponed.

CL/25 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

On behalf of all Members of the Council the Leader thanked all staff who are working hard under the COVID restrictions. The Leader announced that Councillor Brady had stepped down from his position in the Conservative Group. The Leader confirmed that Vision Derbyshire was the way forward for local reform and was supported by eight Districts and Boroughs in Derbyshire

as well as Derbyshire County Council. The Leader advised Members that the next big issue would be the Planning White Paper, which would have a significant impact.

CL/26 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

In the absence of the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer advised that a revised Political Proportionality report would be presented at the next Council Meeting.

CL/27 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/28 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/29 **TO CONSIDER ANY NOTICES OF MOTION IN ORDER OF WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 12, Councillor Richards moved the following motion:

Councils across England and Scotland are leading the way with a new Charter to ensure exploitation has no place in council supply chains.

The Cooperative Party's Charter Against Modern Slavery goes further than existing law and guidance, committing councils to proactively vet their own supply chain to ensure no instances of modern slavery are taking place. Therefore, he called for members across the Chamber to support the following motion:

South Derbyshire District Council will:

- 1. Train its corporate procurement team to understand modern slavery through the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply's (CIPS) online course on Ethical Procurement and Supply.*
- 2. Require its contractors to comply fully with the Modern Slavery Act 2015, wherever it applies, with contract termination as a potential sanction for non-compliance.*
- 3. Challenge any abnormally low-cost tenders to ensure they do not rely upon the potential contractor practising modern slavery.*
- 4. Highlight to its suppliers that contracted workers are free to join a trade union and are not to be treated unfairly for belonging to one.*
- 5. Publicise its whistle-blowing system for staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.*
- 6. Require its tendered contractors to adopt a whistle-blowing policy which enables their staff to blow the whistle on any suspected examples of modern slavery.*

7. Review its contractual spending regularly to identify any potential issues with modern slavery.
8. Highlight for its suppliers any risks identified concerning modern slavery and refer them to the relevant agencies to be addressed.
9. Refer for investigation via the National Crime Agency's national referral mechanism any of its contractors identified as a cause for concern regarding modern slavery.
10. Report publicly on the implementation of this policy annually."

RESOLVED:

The Council approved the Cooperative Party's Charter Against Modern Slavery.

CL/30 **SEALED DOCUMENTS**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented to the Report to Council.

RESOLVED:

The Council authorise the Sealed Documents listed below, which had no specific authority:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Seal</u>	<u>Nature of Document</u>
12.09.19	12369	Transfer – 12 Meadow View Road, Newhall
01.10.19	12384	Transfer – 25 Castle Hill, Findern
02.12.19	12433	Transfer – 79 Trent Avenue, Willington
09.12.19	12445	Transfer – 6 Field Avenue, Hatton
13.12.19	12461	Transfer – 13 Belvoir Crescent, Newhall
07.02.20	12492	Transfer – 15 Meadow Close, Repton
14.02.20	12494	Transfer – 3 Coton Croft, Linton
18.06.20	12542	Transfer – 59 Repton Road, Hartshorne

CL/31 **ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Council highlighting some of the achievements and successes for the year 2019-2020 including the development of a Climate Change Strategy; a public consultation on public spaces protection order on fly tipping and anti-social behaviour; Green Flag status on Church Gresley Memorial Park; new energy efficient council homes in Overseal and 219 affordable homes as a result of working with partners.

Members welcomed the Annual Report and acknowledged the successes for local government. Members thanked the Communications Team for a well-designed and visual report.

RESOLVED:

Elected Members approved, for publication, the Annual Report for 2019/20, attached as Appendix A of the report.

CL/32 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

RESOLVED:-

The Open Minutes of the following Committee were approved as a true record:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Minutes No's</u>
Planning Committee	30.06.20	PL/01 – PL/13

CL/33 **REVIEW THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PANELS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Members reviewed the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels for 2020-21.

RESOLVED:-

Council approved the following amendments:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Roberts to replace Councillor Brady pending the review of the Political Proportionality Report from the Monitoring Officer at the next meeting. Councillor Dawson will step down from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

CL/34 **REVIEW OF COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

Members reviewed the composition of Substitute Panels for 2020-21.

RESOLVED:

Council approved the following amendment:

Finance and Management Committee

To remove Councillor Mrs Wheelton from the panel list.

CL/35 **REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members reviewed the Outside Bodies representation list.

RESOLVED:

Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/36 **REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION OF MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Members reviewed the Representation of Member Champions.

RESOLVED:

Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/37 **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 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 Committee were approved as a true record:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Minutes No's</u>
Planning	30.06.20	PL/14 – PL/15

The meeting terminated at 18:40 hrs.

COUNCILLOR D MULLER
CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL