

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on Wednesday 16th January 2020
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

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

CL/90 **APOLOGIES**

Council was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Billings (Conservative Group) and Councillor Singh (Labour Group).

CL/91 **PRESENTATION: CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT DAVID COX**

The Chief Executive introduced Chief Superintendent David Cox to Council.

The Chief Superintend addressed Council regarding recent events.

CL/92 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

The Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 31st October 2019 (CL/68-CL/86) were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman of the District Council.

CL/93 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

CL/94 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the District Council outlined a summary of events attended since the last Council Meeting.

CL/95 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader of South Derbyshire District Council attended the meeting and addressed Council regarding recent events attended.

CL/96 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Head of Paid Service attended the meeting and addressed Council updating Members on recent matters. The Head of Paid Service informed Members that in an attempt to maintain efficiencies within the service area, they would be asked to provide consent for Council summons to be issued electronically and to this end an email would be sent to all Members seeking their consent.

CL/97 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/98 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/99 **ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Council setting out the key issues arising from the Audit work undertaken during 2018/19.

Members considered the report and discussed the content of the Annual Audit Letter.

RESOLVED:

That Council considered and approved the Annual Audit Letter for 2018/19.

CL/100 **NEW INITIATIVES IN THE CUSTOMER SERVICES TEAM**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Council and outlined the two new initiatives that aimed to improve the customer services that the Council delivered to its residents and businesses.

Members considered the report and discussed the officer's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That Council approved the adoption of SignLive on a one-year trial basis.

1.2 That Council approved the introduction of the Sunflower Scheme for hidden disabilities.

CL/101 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLANNING**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) addressed Council and presented the report advising of the baseline emissions from Council activities and the data showing the extent of carbon saving necessary to meet the Climate Emergency aspirations. Council was advised of the current estimated carbon emissions from all sources across South Derbyshire and the extent of emissions reductions necessary to achieve carbon neutrality across the District by 2050.

Members considered the report and discussed the officer's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

That the Council approved a Climate and Environment Strategy and a Climate and Environment Action Plan 2020 - 2024.

CL /102 **POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2019 – FINAL PROPOSALS**

The Chief Executive addressed Council and presented the report noting the steps taken in the 2019 review of Parliamentary Polling District and Places and the outcome of that review, which complied with the relevant statutory obligations.

Members considered the report and discussed the officer's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That Council noted the responses to the consultation.

1.2 That Council adopted the Final Proposals arising from the review of polling places and polling districts as detailed in Appendix A of the report.

1.3 That Council authorised the Returning Officer to designate alternative polling places where necessary.

1.4 That Members approved the publication of the Final Proposals as outlined in Appendix A of the report.

CL/103 **OPEN MINUTES**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the following Committees and Area Forum Meetings were approved as a true record:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Minutes No's</u>
<i>Environmental and Development Services</i>	<i>26.09.19</i>	<i>EDS/39 – EDS/47</i>
<i>Finance and Management</i>	<i>10.10.19</i>	<i>FM/59 – FM/70</i>
<i>Overview and Scrutiny</i>	<i>16.10.19</i>	<i>OS/21 – OS/28</i>
<i>Housing and Community Services</i>	<i>21.11.19</i>	<i>HCS/44 – HCS/56</i>
<i>Finance and Management</i>	<i>28.11.19</i>	<i>FM/75 – FM/91</i>

Area Forum

<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>02.10.19</i>	<i>MA/8-MA/14</i>
<i>Swadlincote</i>	<i>08.10.19</i>	<i>SA/8-SA/14</i>
<i>Newhall</i>	<i>23.10.19</i>	<i>NA/8-NA/14</i>
<i>Linton</i>	<i>22.10.19</i>	<i>LA/8-LA/14</i>
<i>Etwall</i>	<i>24.10.19</i>	<i>EA/8-EA/14</i>
<i>Repton</i>	<i>07.11.19</i>	<i>RA/8-RA/14</i>

CL/104 **TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITIONS OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS.**

The Members reviewed the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels 2019/20.

RESOLVED:**Finance and Management Committee**

Councillor Fitzpatrick as Vice-Chair

Environmental and Development Committee

Councillor Hewlett to replace Councillor Billings.

Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee

Councillor Whittenham off.

Joint Consultative Committee

Councillor Fitzpatrick to replace Councillor Billings

Audit Sub-Committee

***Councillor Mrs Wheelton to replace Councillor Whittenham
Councillor Atkin as Chair and Councillor Churchill as Vice-Chair***

Heritage Grants Sub-Committee

Councillor Whittenham off

Single Status Steering Group

Councillor Ford and Councillor Fitzpatrick on

CL/105 **TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITIONS OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

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

RESOLVED:

Finance and Management Committee

Councillor Brady to replace Councillor Mrs Wheelton

CL/106 **TO REVIEW REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members reviewed the Outside Bodies representation list.

RESOLVED:

D2 Joint Committee for Economic Development

Councillor Fitzpatrick to replace Councillor Billings

Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Forum

Councillor Fitzpatrick to replace Councillor Billings

Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel

Councillors Mrs Patten to replace Councillor Mrs Wheelton

East Midlands Airport Independent Liaison Committee

Councillor Fitzpatrick to replace Councillor Billings

Local Government Information Unit

Councillor Billings to replace Councillor Fitzpatrick

Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust Ltd

Councillor Angliss to replace Councillor Mrs Patten

CL/107 **TO REVIEW MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Members review the Member Champions list.

RESOLVED:

Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/108 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

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 31st October 2019 (CL/87-CL/89). were received.

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

Council was informed no questions had been received.

EXEMPT MINUTES

Council received and considered the Exempt Minutes of its committees.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Minutes No's</u>
<i>Finance and Management</i>	<i>10.10.19</i>	<i>FM/71 – FM/74</i>
<i>Housing and Community Services</i>	<i>21.11.19</i>	<i>HCS/57 – HCS/61</i>
<i>Finance and Management</i>	<i>28.11.19</i>	<i>FM/92 – FM/98</i>

COUNCILLOR D MULLER

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL