

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Council Chamber, Swadlincote
on Thursday, 14th April 2022
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Labour Group

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

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Bridgen, Brown, Ford, Haines, Hewlett, Lemmon, Muller, Patten, Redfern, Smith and Watson.

Independent Group

Councillors Dawson, Fitzpatrick and MacPherson.

Non-Grouped

Councillors Churchill and Wheelton

CL/128 **John Wilkin**

At the behest of the Chairman all stood for a minute's silence in memory of John Wilkin. Councillor Richards paid tribute to the former Councillor and friend whom he had known for 42 years. John's Trade Union and Political involvement was acknowledged as was his kind and placid nature. The Leader shared his personal experience of working with John as a Councillor noting that he would be sadly missed. The Leader gave sincere thanks for the assistance and guidance from John to both himself and the others within the Authority during his time as a Councillor.

Councillor Smith addressed Council and also paid tribute to John Wilkin noting his lovely approach and gentle manner and how the people of Derbyshire were very sad to hearing of the passing John and that he would be sorely missed.

The Chief Executive echoed the words of Councillor Richards and Councillor Smith and added that John would be truly missed and conveyed condolences on behalf of all members of staff.

CL/129 **APOLOGIES**

Council was informed that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Pearson (Labour Group), Councillors Atkin and Corbin (Conservative Group). Councillor Angliss (Independent Group)

CL/130 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Council was informed that no declarations of interest had been received

CL/131 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair of the Council addressed Members and informed them of his recent visits that included attendance at the Japanese School's graduation and a charity production of HMS Pinafore.

CL/132 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader of the Council informed Members that the Homes for Ukraine Refugees was moving forward and that he attended a meeting with Chief Executive regarding the Agreement in Principle for the Freeport Business Case.

Councillor Bridgen announced that herself and Councillor Brown would be stepping down as Leader and Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group and that Councillor Smith would take up the role as Leader and Councillor Corbin as Deputy Leader. Councillor Bridgen paid tribute to the Leadership of both Councillor Richards and Councillor Southerd during the previous 12 months.

CL/133 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Head of Paid Service addressed Council regarding a number of events arranged in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee and informed Members that changes to Covid restrictions in the office would be changed and a managed return of staff into the office would commence in the coming week.

CL/134 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/135 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received

CL/136 **TO CONSIDER ANY NOTICES OF MOTION**

Council was informed that no questions had been received

CL/137 **CYCLE OF MEETINGS 2022-23**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services apologies for date and members approval

RESOLVED:

Council approved the Cycle of Meetings for 2022/23.

CL/138 **PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2022-23**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Council regarding the Annual Statement and highlighted the key points.

Members raised queries regarding the remuneration of apprenticeships and the gender pay gap.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) informed the Committee that the apprenticeship payment was comparable to other local authorities and confirmed that gender pay was considered and published annually.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council approved the Pay Policy Statement for the financial year 2022/2023 as per Appendix 1 of the report.

CL/139 **TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITIONS OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, AND WORKING PANELS**

The Members reviewed the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels 2021-22

RESOLVED:

Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/140 **TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITIONS OF THE SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

The Members reviewed the composition of Substitute Panels 2021-22

RESOLVED:

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Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/141 **TO REVIEW REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members reviewed the Outside Bodies representation list. Leader Good to see reports

RESOLVED:

Community Arts Project (“People Express”) Management Committee

Councillor V Heath to replace Councillor Mulgrew

CL/142 **TO REVIEW MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Members reviewed the Representation of Member Champions.

RESOLVED:

Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/143 **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.

EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT

The Committee approved the recommendations within the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:15 hrs

COUNCILLOR M GEE

CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL