

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on Thursday 31st October 2019
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

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

CL/68 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Churchill, Corbin, Pegg and Dr Perry (Conservative Group) and Councillors Shepherd and Singh (Labour Group).

CL/69 **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

The Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 19th September (CL/47-CL/64) were approved as a true record.

CL/70 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Atkin declared a pecuniary interest in relation to the Infinity Garden Village, which was raised in the exempt part of the Meeting; the Councillor left the Chamber whilst this was discussed.

CL/71 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman of the Council outlined a summary of events attended since the last Council Meeting, including graduations, a visit to the Bison concrete factory and they had donated approximately £1000 to the Chairman's Charity, Rainbow Children's Hospice. Other events attended included the unveiling of the Pipeworks lecturn in Swadlincote, the Poppy Appeal Launch, Rainbow Children's Hospice, tree planting to celebrate the Derbyshire Japanese School being relocated John Port Spencer Academy, Etwall. The Chairman added that he would like thank those who volunteered to abseil down Derby Cathedral raising £615 for Rainbow Children's Hospice.

CL/72 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader noted the opening of the Derbyshire Japanese School, thanking those involved in hosting the event. The Leader thanked the Peer Review Team for their complimentary comments on Elected Members of this Council, and due to it being the last Council Meeting of the year, extended his best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

CL/73 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Chief Executive, as (Acting) Returning Officer for the upcoming General Election, advised that Members would be notified by email on the commencement date of the period of Purdah. It was noted that the dissolution of Parliament would be on 6th November 2019, the writ would be delivered on 7th November 2019 and that the Notice of Election would be displayed on 11th November 2019.

The Chief Executive referred to the report being presented later on the Agenda on the Polling Place Review and invited Members to engage and submit any comments.

The Chief Executive informed Council of the positive feedback received from the Peer Review team in relation to Officers and Members and advised that the team's report would be distributed in due course.

CL/74 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed no questions had been received.

CL/75 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council was informed no questions had been received.

CL/76 **CORPORATE PLAN**

The Chief Executive presented the report and updated Members of the complimentary feedback received during the peer review.

Councillor Richards, whilst referring to paragraph 6.1 of the report wished for it to be noted that he felt that Members had been offered limited opportunity to provide input and that the Opposition Group's Member Champion for the Corporate Plan had not been included in the process. The Chief Executive expressed disappointment and advised that Members were provided with a workshop and time up until publication of the report for their input. Councillor Fitzpatrick informed Council that he had submitted his feedback by email. Councillor Ford added that the nature of the Corporate Plan is that it is an evolving document and that there would be enough scope to incorporate feedback.

RESOLVED:

That the Corporate Plan priorities, aims and outcomes for 2020-2024, attached in Appendix A be approved.

Abstentions: Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Gee, Mulgrew, Dr. Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Mrs Stuart and Taylor.

CL/77 **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT SCHEME NAME CHANGE**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report.

Councillor Ford welcomed the report in light of the recent declaration of a "Climate Emergency" on 27th June 2019 agreeing that the name of the Community Partnership Grant Scheme be changed to the Community and Environment Partnership Grant Scheme.

RESOLVED:

That Council considered and agreed to the request of the Housing and Communities Committee that the name of the Community Partnership Grant Scheme be revised to the Community and Environment Partnership Grant Scheme.

CL/78 **INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

The Chief Executive presented the report to Council.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That Richard Penn be appointed Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations to the Council on Members' Allowances.

1.2 That the Chief Executive be authorised to appoint two further members from the local community to serve on the Panel.

1.3 That the Members of the Panel be paid any agreed fees and expenses incurred by them in carrying out their duties.

1.4 That the Terms of Reference for the Panel, as detailed in the report, be approved.

CL/79 **POLLING PLACE REVIEW**

The Chief Executive presented the report, inviting Members to engage in the opportunity to review the polling places in the District through the consultation period.

Councillor Dunn in relation to Midway, proposed the use the Community Centre in place of closing the local school. The Chief Executive advised that this matter was already under review and consideration.

Councillor Dr Pearson raised concern in relation to the closure of schools to facilitate polling, particularly in relation to Eureka School, and encouraged Officers to work with the school to allow it to remain open. The Chief Executive responded that each of the schools mentioned would be contacted in order to find a mutually convenient solution to allow schools to remain open on polling days.

RESOLVED:

That Council approved the commencement of a review of polling districts and polling places within the District of South Derbyshire.

CL/80 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN - ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER 2019 AND LGSCO UPDATE**

The Chief Executive presented the report to Council.

RESOLVED:

That Council accepted the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's Annual Review Letter 2019.

CL/81 **OPEN MINUTES**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

RESOLVED:-

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

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Minutes No's</u>
Environmental and Development Services	15.08.19	EDS/14 – EDS/36
Housing and Community Services	22.08.19	HCS/18 – HCS/29
Finance and Management	29.08.19	FM/37 – FM/50

Councillor Richards referred to Min No. FM/42 stating that he had asked the Chief Executive whether report had found whether there had been a breach of the Constitution. The Chief Executive advised that as the Monitoring Officer was not in attendance, it would not be a matter that he could address and requested that due to the nature of the matter, it be discussed in the exempt part of the Meeting.

Overview and Scrutiny	04.09.19	OS/11 – OS/20
Etwall Joint Management	25.09.19	EL/8 – EL/11
Housing and Community Services	03.10.19	HCS/34 – HCS/43

CL/82 **REVIEW THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PANELS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

RESOLVED:-

Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/83 **REVIEW OF COMPOSTION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

RESOLVED:-

Community and Environment Partnership Grant Scheme.

Councillors Mulgrew and Richards be appointed

Finance and Management Committee

Councillor Bambrick be appointed

CL/84 **REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED:

Council approved the following amendments:

Melbourne Sporting Partnership

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) replace the Chief Executive

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership

Councillor Angliss to replace Councillor Billings

CL/85 **REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION OF MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

RESOLVED:-

Corporate Plan

Councillor Ford be appointed

Engagement

Councillor Ford be appointed

Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Ford be appointed

CL/86 **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 Meeting held on 19th September 2019 (Minute Nos.CL/65-CL/67) were approved as a true record.

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.

RESOLVED:-

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

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Minutes No's</u>
Environmental and Development Services	15.08.19	EDS/37 – EDS/38
Housing and Community Services	22.08.19	HCS/30 – HCS/33
Finance and Management	29.08.19	FM/51 – FM/58
Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee	21.10.19	LAS/12 – LAS/13

The meeting terminated at 7.20pm

COUNCILLOR D MULLER

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL