

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING of the  
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way  
on Thursday, 23 June 2022  
at 6.00pm

**PRESENT:**

**Labour Group**

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

**Conservative Group**

Councillors Atkin, Bridgen, Brown, Corbin, Ford, Hewlett, Lemmon, Muller, Patten, and Smith.

**Independent Group**

Councillors MacPherson and Roberts.

**Non-Grouped**

Councillor Wheelton and Councillor Churchill

CL/28 **APOLOGIES**

Council was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors Gee and Pegg (Labour Group) and Councillors Ackroyd, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Haines, Redfern and Watson (Conservative Group).

CL/29 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Council was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

CL/30 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair of the Council addressed Members regarding his attendance at various commemorations for the Platinum Jubilee, Groundbreaking at the new Urban Park, Swadlincote as, well as a tree planting dedication ceremony and the opening of the national conference for young people, both at Rosliston Forestry Centre.

CL/31 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader of the Council welcomed the Chair and avowed sincere best wishes be sent to Councillor Redfern, and looked forward to his return to the Council Chamber. The Leader informed Members of a letter to be sent to the Member of Parliament regarding the support for improved Healthcare provision within South Derbyshire.

The Leader thanked the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) for her work at South Derbyshire District Council and wished her well with her future career at North West Leicestershire Council.

Councillor Smith thanked the Leader for his kind words and said that everyone's best wishes would be passed onto to Councillor Redfern and his family. Councillor Smith thanked the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) on behalf the Conservative Group and wished her well for the future.

CL/32 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Head of Paid Service echoed the thanks and best wishes for the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources). Council was informed that notification had not been received regarding the reported Derbyshire County Council and Nottinghamshire Combined Authority. The Head of Paid Service informed Members that a local contractor had been appointed for the demolition of the former Bison factory. and that a Planning Application had been submitted for the regeneration of Swadlincote Town Centre.

CL/33 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/34 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/35 **TO CONSIDER ANY NOTICES OF MOTION**

Council was informed that no notices of motion had been received.

CL/36 **EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22 AND ACTION PLAN FOR 2022-23**

The Chief Executive introduced the report to Council and highlighted how the consultation had included hard to reach groups to enable as much inclusion as possible and invited the Head of Organisational Development and Performance to present the report.

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance addressed Council highlighting the progress and achievements made during the previous year and sought approval for the recommendations within the report. The Head of Organisational Development and Performance recapped the extensive consultation with staff, trade unions, Members and residents that had assisted in the production of the Strategy and Action Plan. It was noted that the Annual Report outlined work undertaken and highlighted the progress made during the previous year.

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance summarised proposed actions for 2022/23 that included Diversity Monitoring and a Diversity Calendar that would recognise and promote diversity whilst noting key events.

Members commended the report and supported the excellent work and raised a query regarding training and the Equality Impact Assessments.

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance informed Council that training had been delivered to all staff to demonstrate an understanding equality, diversity and inclusion within the Council.

The Chief Executive added that Equality Impact Assessment filtered into all policies within the Council and that it would inform everything the Council did going forward.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 Council approved the Council's equality, diversity and inclusion annual report for 2021/22 as per Appendix A of the report and the equality, diversity and inclusion action plan for 2022/23 as per Appendix B of the report.***
- 1.2 Council approved the diversity monitoring categories as at Appendix C of the report for the collation of equality data across all service areas.***
- 1.3 Council approved the diversity calendar for 2022/23 as per Appendix D to the report to recognise and support different events throughout the year and that the calendar be updated and approved each subsequent year.***

CL/37 **ADDITION TO THE COUNCIL'S LIST OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Council and sought approval for the HS2 Mitigation Board to be added to the list of Outside Bodies and requested that a representative be appointed.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1.0 Council agreed to the addition of a new organisation, the HS2 Mitigation Board, to its List of Outside Bodies.***
- 1.1 Council agreed to the appointment of Councillor Stephen Taylor to serve as the Council's representative on HS2 Mitigation Board.***

CL/38 **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:**

**Environmental and Development Services Committee**

*Councillor Neil Tilley to be added*

*Councillor Lemmon to replace Councillor Muller*

**Heritage Grants Sub-Committee:**

*Councillor Muller to replace Councillor Lemmon*

CL/39 **TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITIONS OF THE SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

The Members reviewed the composition of Substitute Panels 2022-23.

**RESOLVED:**

**Planning Committee**

*Councillor Patten to replace Councillor Watson*

**Finance and Management Committee**

*Councillor Bridgen to replace Councillor Atkin*

*Councillor Patten to replace Councillor Muller*

**Housing and Community Services Committee**

*Councillor Watson to replace Councillor Lemmon*

**Heritage Grants Sub-Committee**

*Councillor Dawson to replace Councillor Redfern*

CL/40 **TO REVIEW THE REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members reviewed the Outside Bodies representation list.

**RESOLVED:**

**South Derbyshire Partnership**

*Councillor Wheelton to replace Councillor Churchill*

**Community Arts Project ("People Express") Management Committee**

***Councillor Heath to replace Councillor Mulgrew***

CL/41 **TO REVIEW MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Members reviewed the Representation of Member Champions.

**RESOLVED:**

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

CL/42 **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.***

CL/43 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

The meeting terminated at 18:45 hours.

COUNCILLOR P DUNN

CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL