



Council
Wednesday 24 November 2021
At 6:00pm

Derby Loves You Venue
Market Place, Derby, DE1 3AH
at 6:00pm

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Members: The Mayor, Councillor Robin Wood, and Councillors Atwal, Barker, Bettany, Bonser, Care, Carr, Cooper, Dhindsa, Evans, Eyre, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, Grimadell, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, Ingall, Jennings, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Lonsdale, Martin, McCristal, Naitta, Nawaz, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Peatfield, Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Prosser, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Testro, Webb, West, Williams and Willoughby.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest **Attached**
3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 September 2021 **Attached**
4. Announcements from the Mayor
5. Statements from members of the Council Cabinet
6. Questions from the Public

	Questioner	Respondent	Summary
A	Doug Lumley	Cllr Hassall	A52 roadworks project
B	Mair Perkins	Cllr Hassall	A38 junction scheme
C	Simon Bacon	Cllr J Pearce	Blue bin contamination
D	Paul Tice	Cllr Barker	Public consultation process
E	Mair Perkins	Cllr Hassall	Local Plan and Climate Strategy
F	Simon Bacon	Cllr J Pearce	Sinfin Waste Plant
G	Paul Tice	Cllr Smale	Sale of Allestree Hall

7. Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes

8. Questions from non-Council Cabinet members
9. Minute extract 29/21 of the meeting of the Conservation Area Advisory Committee held on 14 October 2021. **Attached**
10. Minute extract 18/21 of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 4 November 2021. **Attached**
11. Amendments to the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) Constitution. **Attached**
12. **Notice of Motion: Electoral Cycle**

Moved by Councillor Shanker, seconded by Councillor Poulter

Council notes that the current Local Government Boundary Review of Derby City Council would result in a single whole-council election in 2023. Council further notes the outcome of two public consultations undertaken in 2016 and 2020, which both demonstrated overwhelming support for a change to Derby's electoral cycle from election by thirds to whole-council elections.

Council believes that it is appropriate to again consider changing the electoral cycle, to allow the Boundary Review to be undertaken with certainty of the authority's future electoral arrangements. Given the financial challenges faced by the Council and to ensure the appropriate use of public funds, Council considers that a third public consultation in five years is unnecessary and believes that the consultation undertaken between January and March 2020 remains representative of the views of people and businesses in Derby.

Council therefore resolves:

- 1. To convene an extraordinary meeting of Council, immediately prior to the ordinary meeting scheduled for 19 January 2022.*
- 2. To request that the Monitoring Officer provide a report to that meeting, allowing Council to consider and vote on the permanent adoption of whole Council elections from May 2023 onwards, based on the results of the public consultation undertaken between January and March 2020.*
- 3. To inform the Boundary Commission that this is being considered by the Council so they are aware as they review boundary arrangements for Derby.*

13. **Notice of Motion: Derby Sustainable Food Charter**

Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Cooper

As a Council we have in the past eighteen months worked cross-party and collaboratively with our partners in the city to try and tackle issues around poverty.

One of the major issues highlighted by our partners Food 4 Thought (F4T) and the Poverty Commission is around food.

There seems to be a lack of understanding between tackling food waste and tackling food insecurity as separate issues but also how they can interlink, not wishing to create dependency, dignity of those facing food insecurity and the logistics of doing this.

There are also many issues around re-distribution of food waste in our city, including the carbon footprint of the movement of this food source into and around our city for distribution. These are just a few of the obstacles around this issue.

F4T have been instrumental in developing a Derby Sustainable Food Charter the mission of which is:

We believe that every citizen of Derby should have access to a choice of affordable, good quality, healthy food - which will encourage a vibrant local economy and be good for the environment. Food plays a vital role in improving our own and our communities' health and wellbeing, as well as helping to address Derby's social, economic and environmental problems

The Charter has six themes:

- 1. Tackle Food Poverty and Diet Related Ill-Health*
- 2. Promote Healthy, Accessible, Affordable and Sustainable Food to the Public*
- 3. Build community food knowledge, skills and resources*
- 4. Promote a diverse, prosperous, vibrant and sustainable food economy*
- 5. Transform Catering and Food Procurement*
- 6. Reduce Waste and the ecological footprint of the food system*

This motion therefore requests that Derby City Council sign up to the Derby Sustainable Food Charter, and also actively promotes the Charter, encouraging organisations across all sectors to also endorse and sign-up to it.

14. Notice of Motion: Fireworks on general sale

Moved by Councillor T Pearce, seconded by Councillor Cooper

Fireworks are used by people and groups throughout the year to mark different and diverse events. While loud fireworks can bring much enjoyment to some people, they can cause significant problems and fear for other people and animals. They can be a source of fear and distress for many animals. Animals affected not only suffer psychological distress but can also cause themselves injuries – sometimes very serious ones – as they attempt to run away or hide from the noise in fright. This Council has previously discussed the impact of Fireworks on people and animals, however more can be done.

Sadly, many former servicemen and women with mental health problems such as post-traumatic stress disorder experience distress during the Bonfire Night period and other times of the year, with sudden flashes and bangs of fireworks reminding them of the horrors of war. Professor Catherine Kinane, the Medical Director at Combat Stress a leading organization in the country for mental health awareness of our Armed forces community wrote recently, "We see higher rates of distress in Veterans accessing our services at this time of year...the sound and sudden unexpected bangs of fireworks can be reminders of frontline combat where they were exposed to the horrors of war in service to this country".

With fireworks readily available to the public over the counter in some stores and online in the country and city of Derby, this means that at any time of the day or night, without the controlled and safer environment of an organized event, loud and sudden noises can pierce the sky. The period between October and December can be a distressing time for some of the most vulnerable in our society and some who have served our country with honour, dedication, and sacrifice. This alongside the distress and alarm for local wildlife and some pets creates an issue we must work together to raise awareness and attempt to influence law makers. However, fireworks can bring people together and create joy to spectators. This motion is not intended to ruin anyone's fun but is to urge awareness and understanding how noisy fireworks can be harmful to some military veterans and our beloved pets and local wildlife.

Therefore, this Council resolves to request that the Cabinet Member for Streetpride and Public Spaces, with the best interests of public safety and animal welfare in mind:

- *Write to the relevant government Minister and the Members of Parliament for Derby North, Mid Derbyshire and Derby South urging them to introduce legislation to adopt 'noiseless' fireworks as a standard for distribution and retail sale to the general public.*
- *Encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'noiseless' fireworks for public sale and display.*
- *Engage with regular or annual fireworks events to consider the use of new technology at Firework events, such as drone light shows and 'noiseless' fireworks.*
- *Work towards a 'fireworks charter', that within the Derby City Council authority area, all retail outlets selling fireworks on general sale or storing fireworks commit to working with standards compliant manufacturers and the safe use and advertisement of those products.*

15. Notice of Motion: Improvements for walking in Derby

Moved by Councillor Care, seconded by Councillor Carr

Derby City Council recognises that many main roads for traffic are also useful routes for pedestrians. However, unlike road traffic, pedestrians

generally have to give way at every side turning. This causes delay to pedestrians and makes walking a less attractive experience.

Council notes that improving the walking experience will encourage more people to choose to walk rather than drive for short journeys. Encouraging a shift from cars to walking will reduce congestion, improve air quality, increase fitness and help combat climate change.

Council is interested to learn that trials have taken place in Greater Manchester and London with zebra crossing style stripes across side roads close to the main road on the pedestrian desire-line. Results from these trials, overseen by the independent Transport Research Laboratory, have been positive, showing that most drivers give way to pedestrians wanting to cross.

Council notes that these markings do not yet have Department of Transport approval, but that the cost of installing them would be much lower (estimate £1000) than providing a conventional zebra crossing with flashing lights.

Council therefore agrees to request that the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Decarbonisation, Strategic Planning and Transport write to the Secretary of State for Transport to ask that this new style marking is assessed and, if appropriate, made available for use as soon as possible. If further research is deemed necessary before such approval is given, Council agrees to volunteer to take part in trials.

16. Notice of Motion: Violence against women and girls

Moved by Councillor Lind, seconded by Councillor Skelton

Violence against women and girls continues to be a serious problem in our society, with much still to be done if we are to confine it to the pages of history.

Council notes with concern that:

- *80% of women have been sexually harassed in public, with 90% of these women not reporting it as they don't believe it will make a difference.*
- *One in two women are sexually harassed in the workplace.*
- *One in three women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.*
- *One in five women will be raped in their lifetime.*
- *Two women a week are killed by a current or former partner (this rose to three a week during lockdown)*
- *Three women a week take their own lives following domestic abuse.*
- *There are on average 12 "honour killings" every year in the UK, where women are killed due to the belief that they have brought shame or dishonour upon their family.*

Council believes that:

- *Such acts of violence are part of the broader culture that minimises the seriousness of such acts.*
- *The seeds of this behaviour are often sown at a young age, and interventions to break this cycle are needed.*
- *Change is needed in the criminal justice system*

Council resolves to:

- *Stand in solidarity with protestors who oppose violence against women and girls.*
- *Support the "Reclaim The Night Derby" march on 27th November.*
- *Work with schools and families to tackle toxic masculinity culture.*
- *Educate men through campaigns and bring in male allies.*
- *Work with Derbyshire Constabulary on improving women's safety in Derby.*
- *Call on Derbyshire Constabulary to prioritise investigating crimes against women and girls, and ask them to ensure women are treated with the required sensitivity and feel comfortable reporting incidents.*
- *Call on Government to make street harassment a criminal offence and call for increased investment in the criminal justice system when it comes to violence against women and girls.*
- *Do all we can as a council and in our communities to champion the rights and entitlements of women and girls, and to tackle violence against them. This includes continuing to invest in vital services, listening and responding to women and girls about the action that is needed, and calling out misogyny and sexism where we see and hear it.*



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