

Time commenced - 6.00 pm  
Time finished - 7.05 pm

## **COUNCIL MEETING 5 MARCH 2012**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Allen) (in the Chair)  
Councillors Afzal, Ashburner, Atwal, Bailey, Banwait, Barker, Bayliss, Bolton, Campbell, Carr, Davis, Dhindsa, Graves, Harwood, Hickson, Higginbottom, Hillier, Holmes, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Jennings, Jones, Keith, F Khan, J Khan, Leeming, Marshall, Naitta, Poulter, Radford, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Richards, Roberts, Russell, Shanker, Skelton, Troup, Tuplin, Turner, Webb, Whitby, Williams, F Winter, L Winter, Wood.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Khan and Sandhu.

### **79/11 Declarations of Interest**

The monitoring officer advised all members that they had a statutory exemption from declaring a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10 – The Establishment of a Members Allowances Scheme for 2012/13.

### **80/11 Minutes of the previous meeting**

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, held on 25 January 2012, be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.**

### **81/11 Announcements by the Mayor**

The Mayor stated that this was the last scheduled Council meeting before the elections in May and that it would therefore be the last meeting attended by those members not seeking re-election or those not returned for a further term. As Councillors Marshall and Tuplin were not seeking re-election, Councillors Hickson and Bayliss paid tribute to the work of Councillor Marshall and Councillor Carr to Councillor Tuplin.

## 82/11 Statements by Members of the Council Cabinet

Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council made a statement of initiatives and achievements. Councillor Bayliss responded.

## 83/11 Public Questions

A full list of questions and prepared responses had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting and each questioner was asked in turn if they had a supplementary question arising from the written response. Questions from members of the public were asked as follows:

1. By Dorothy Skrytek – concerning a FareShare scheme, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.
2. By David Gale – concerning IT and Transformation Programme, answered by Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council.
3. By David Gale – concerning Customer Relationship Management IT System, answered by Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council.
4. By Dorothy Skrytek – concerning Derby Furniture Project, answered by Councillor Skelton, Council Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health.

## 84/11 Written Questions about the Business or Functions of Derbyshire Police Authority, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Derby Homes Ltd

There were no written questions about the business or functions of Derbyshire Policy Authority, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority or Derby Homes Ltd.

## 85/11 Written Questions from Non Council Cabinet Members

Written questions from Non Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet or Committee Chairs were asked as follows:

1. By Councillor Repton – concerning social care provision, answered by Councillor Skelton, Council Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health.
2. By Councillor Shanker – concerning black bin waste, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.
3. By Councillor Redfern – concerning inner city green open spaces, answered by Councillor Holmes, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment.

4. By Councillor Repton – concerning disabled children and mainstream schools, answered by Councillor Williams, Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services.
5. By Councillor Shanker – concerning Sinfin Waste Treatment Plant enquiry, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.

## 86/11 Minutes and Recommendations of the Council Cabinet

The Council considered the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet of 21 February 2012 requiring approval of the Council, namely: 159/11 Housing Revenue Account and Business Plan; 106/11 Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Code Indicators 2012/13; 161/11 Council Tax 2012/13.

**Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 21 February 2012.**

## 87/11 Members' Allowances Scheme for 2012/13

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director of Resources relating to the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for the establishment of a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2012/13.

**Resolved to approve the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel and establish a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2012/13 as follows:**

1. To retain the current Members' Allowances Scheme from 1 April 2012.
2. To approve a 0% increase in the basic allowance for 2012/13.
3. To consider recommendations 2.3 to 2.7 of the Independent Remuneration Panel when making constitutional appointments on 23 May 2012.
4. To request Council Officers to devise a new Dependent Carers' Allowance Scheme.

## 88/11 Pay Policy Statement

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director of Resources relating to the Pay Policy Statement.

**Resolved:**

- 1. To approve the Pay Policy Statement.**
- 2. To note that the Pay Policy Statement would be published on the Council's website.**

## **89/11      Schedule of Election Fees**

The Council considered a report of the Returning Officer concerning the payment of election fees for the forthcoming election in May 2012.

**Resolved to approve the schedule of election fees.**

## **90/11      Notices of Motion**

### **1. Armed Forces Community Covenant.**

It was moved by Councillor Hickson and seconded by Councillor Bayliss that:

“Council pledges its support to the Armed Forces Community Covenant and will work with the Royal British Legion, Derbyshire Branch, to promote awareness of the Covenant throughout the city.

Furthermore this partnership will work to ensure that projects are put forward, to secure funding from Community Covenant Grant Scheme, established by the Ministry of Defence. This scheme will distribute £30m over the next four years to initiatives that support armed forces personnel and veterans.”

**Resolved:**

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Mayor