



Council
Wednesday 20 January 2021
At 6:00pm

NOTE: Under the provisions of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, this meeting will be held remotely via Skype for Business.

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Members:

The Mayor, Councillor Frank Harwood, and Councillors Anderson, Ashburner, Atwal, Barker, Bettany, Carr, Care, Cooper, Dhindsa, Eldret, Evans, Froggatt, Graves Jr., Graves Sr., Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, Hussain, Ingall, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Marshall, McCristal, Naitta, Nawaz, Pattison, Pearce, Peatfield, A Pegg, P Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Repton, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Stanton, Testro, Webb, West, Williams, Willoughby and Wood.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest **Attached**
3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 25 November 2020 **Attached**
4. Announcements from the Mayor
5. Statements from members of the Council Cabinet
6. Questions from the Public

	Questioner	Respondent	Summary
A	Bal Mahal	Cllr M Holmes	Council policy on traffic movement
B	Alison Martin	Cllr Holmes	Assembly Rooms demolition
C	Andrew Fellows Mair Bain	Cllr Holmes	A38 air quality and emissions
D	Dave Clasby	Cllr Holmes	A38 congestion
E	Simon Beavis	Cllr Holmes	A38 impact on wildlife and biodiversity
F	Emily Lonsdale	Cllr Williams	School fines during the pandemic

7. Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes
8. Questions from non-Council Cabinet members

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9. **Notice of Motion: Responsibility for Licensing**

Moved by Councillor Skelton, seconded by Councillor Atwal:

Council notes that the Local Government Act 2000 reserves licensing as a non-executive function. Therefore, Council believes that licensing should not be part of a Cabinet Member's portfolio.

Council re-affirms its own Constitution at Part 3 of the Scheme of Delegations, Part E, which states:

Licensing Committee will, within Council policies:

- 1. Take decisions relating to licensing and appeals functions that would fall within the definition of key decisions if these were executive functions;*
- 2. Approve and amend policies relating to these functions; and*
- 3. Approve arrangements for meetings of sub committees and panels, unless otherwise determined by Council.*

Council resolves to request that the Leader of the Council:

Remove licensing from the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Governance and Licensing; re-naming the portfolio Governance.

Re-affirm that the licensing function, including policy-making, is delegated from Full Council to the Licensing Committee.

10. **Notice of Motion: Protecting the NHS**

Moved by Councillor Care, seconded by Councillor Willoughby:

Council notes that in this 2021 Lockdown the Government has returned to the early 2020 messaging: Stay Home. Protect the NHS. Save Lives. As the local Public Health Authority, the City Council is already working closely with the NHS on critical elements of the Covid-19 response. The Council is also playing its part in other ways including education and enforcement of Covid19 requirements, which are all the more important with the new variant of the virus.

It is recognised that pressure on the NHS increases during the winter each year, when more people call on NHS services. One way to Protect the NHS will be to try to reduce this additional demand. Public Health has a key role in this. Furthermore, recent Government research suggests that many people are more motivated to improve their health at present due to the pandemic.

Council therefore asks the Public Health team within the Council to work creatively with our marketing team, community volunteers and others to ensure that ongoing messages about health promotion - including winter health, stopping smoking, reproductive choice, weight control, healthy exercise and Vitamin D supplements - continue to be spread across our

communities despite the challenges of Lockdown.

11. Notice of Motion: NHS Volunteer Support

Moved by Councillor Lind, seconded by Councillor Naitta:

Derby City Council continues to value the volunteers from across the community who are helping to keep services running and support people during COVID-19 Lockdowns. People may continue to volunteer in this Lockdown by phoning the COVID Hub on 01332 640000, which is also the number to contact for help.

The Government has also been encouraging people to volunteer to support the NHS. This includes people with specific health-related skills, such as retired doctors and nurses and also community volunteers like first aiders. Some of these skills are particularly important as pressure continues to grow on hospitals and the vaccine rollout is ramping up.

Sadly there have been well-documented examples where qualified people have been put off volunteering due to bureaucratic barriers. Some have estimated this to include over 20 hours of training and testing before even being able to be accepted as a potential volunteer.

Council therefore agrees to write to the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health to ask for a review of this process to ensure that volunteer help is able to get more speedily to where it is needed. Council agrees to copy this letter to the Local Government Association for their information.

12. Notice of motion: Electoral Cycle

Moved by Councillor Shanker, seconded by Councillor Russell:

Council notes the uncertainty surrounding the Local Elections currently scheduled for 6th May 2021, resulting from the current public health situation. Any further delay to the elections originally scheduled for May 2020 may result in two sets of local elections taking place in close succession, which would not offer value for money to local taxpayers and may hinder the Council and the city's recovery from the pandemic.

In the event that the May 2021 local elections are postponed, Council requests that a report is considered to examine the implications of moving from election by thirds to all Council elections from May 2022, based on the responses received to the public consultation undertaken between January and March 2020.

13. Notice of Motion: Covid-19 vaccine prioritisation

Moved by Councillor Peatfield, seconded by Councillor Dhindsa

Council notes that advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) on the priority groups for a Covid-19 vaccine does

not include school/childcare workers.

Inclusion of school and childcare staff on the priority list should:

- *provide more protection for children and their families*
- *reduce the chance of settings being closed for 2 weeks and working parents having to take time off work*
- *ensure continuity of education for children*
- *allow schools to return to normality faster, having a positive impact on children's mental health*
- *reduce the chance of NHS workers having to stay at home with children who are isolating due to closures*

Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State to request that all school and childcare workers in Derby City are kept safe at work by being put on to the phase 2 priority vaccine priority list.



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