



Council
Wednesday 26 February 2020
 At 6pm

Council Chamber, Council House
 Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS

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 22 January 2020 **Attached**
4. Announcements from the Mayor
5. Statements from members of the Council Cabinet
6. Questions from the Public

	Questioner	Respondent	Summary
A	Dorothy Skrytek	Councillor M Holmes	Recent flooding and development on floodplains
B	Carol Leak	Councillor M Holmes	A38 junction improvements
	David Clasby		
	Helen Hitchcock		
C	Tom Banks	Councillor Poulter	Temporary performance space
D	Barry Greatorex	Councillor M Holmes	Reducing road traffic and improving cycling safety
	David Clasby		
	Eloise Thatcher		
E	Pat Greatorex	Councillor M Holmes	Solar panels on residential properties
F	Lucia Whittaker	Councillor M Holmes	Public transport in Derby
	Reg Hand		
G	Penny Nunes de Abreu	Councillor M Holmes	Climate Change Action Plan
	Kate Warsop		
	Reg Hand		

H	Tom Banks	Councillor Wood	Culture Strategy
I	Barry Greateorex	Councillor M Holmes	Air source heat pumps
J	Penny Nunes De Abreu	Councillor M Holmes	Former Friar Gate sidings

7. Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes
8. Questions from non-Council Cabinet members
9. Minute extract 149/19 of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 12 February 2020 (LGO Report complaint against Derby City Council) **Attached**
10. Minute extract 148/19 of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 12 February 2020 (Treasury Management and Investment Strategy) **Attached**
11. Minute extract 147/19 of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 12 February 2020 (Medium Term Financial Plan 2020/21 – 2022/23) **Attached**
12. Council Tax Setting 2020-21 **Attached**
13. Members' Allowances Scheme 2020-21 **Attached**
14. Pay Policy Statement 2020-21 **Attached**
15. Constitutional Amendments **Attached**
16. **Notice of Motion: Project Search**

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hezelgrave

Council recognises that employment outcomes for young people with Special Educational Needs (SEND) are poor and that action must be taken to address this.

As City leaders the Council should lead by example and encourage other employers to support this aim too.

Derbyshire NHS Foundation Trust has been the first employer in our city to offer a scheme specifically designed to support young people with SEND into employment, adopting a model known as Project Search.

Council recognises the importance of this and commits to introducing a scheme at Derby City Council. Further, the Council will encourage other employers to introduce similar schemes.

17. **Notice of Motion: Preparation of EHCPs**

Moved by Councillor Lind, seconded by Councillor Skelton

Derby City Council recognises that the role of the Local Authority staff working directly on Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) is

comparable to social workers dealing with care based issues. However, the EHCP role is relatively new and not yet professionalised. All Local Education Authorities are struggling to recruit and retain suitable staff.

Derby City Council therefore agrees to write to the Local Government Association and Association of Directors of Children's Services to ask them to work together, and with the higher education sector, to encourage the creation of an appropriate professional body for this area of work.

18. Notice of Motion: Electricity Network Investment

Moved by Councillor Care, seconded by Councillor Carr

Derby City Council realises that to achieve a 'Zero carbon Derby' will require a shift of energy source from fossil fuels to renewable electricity. Even with significant energy saving and local generation of electricity this will significantly change the electricity flows on the local electricity network.

Council notes that the promotion of smart meters to all homes in Derby will help prepare the city to manage its demands in more efficient ways than we can at present. Smart meters will also allow people to join local energy clubs to buy and sell locally generated electricity, enabling a financial return on domestic PV systems thus encouraging people to invest in them.

Council therefore agrees to approach Western Power Distribution to ask them to work with the city to develop a plan for Derby's electricity network. Understanding what investments are needed to achieve this change is the first step to achieving them.

19. Notice of Motion: Insects and Biodiversity Plan

Moved by Councillor Care, seconded by Councillor Naitta

Council notes growing concerns about the reduction in numbers of insects in Britain. While evidence is still being gathered to the causes of this, the impact on species that feed on insects (like bats, some birds and mammals) is becoming apparent and the loss of insects for pollination is potentially significant for food production.

Two of the potential causes of insect loss are use of pesticides and night-time light pollution.

Council therefore agrees to stop the routine use of pesticides into the wider environment (such as glyphosate for weed-suppression) and will seek to minimise night-time light pollution through Planning and other advice.

Council acknowledges the need for a wider look at how to improve the biodiversity in Derby and therefore agrees to consult with partners and stakeholders to develop a Biodiversity Plan for the city.

Notice of Motion: Bus Services

Moved by Councillor Care, seconded by Councillor Willoughby

Council notes that while many of Derby's buses meet the higher standards for diesel vehicles, together they are still a significant contributor to poor air quality. The Council therefore welcomes the Government's recent offer to fund one area to move entirely to electric buses. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/britains-first-all-electric-bus-town-to-pave-the-way-for-green-communities-of-the-future>

As an area with a recognised air quality issue, Derby is one of a limited number of discrete urban areas which will qualify for this scheme. We also have some proactive and forward thinking bus operators. Council therefore agrees to examine the case to apply for funding from the Government's 'all electric bus town scheme'.

Council further recognises that investment in bus services doesn't stop with the vehicles, but that investment is also needed in other areas including bus priority measures, service frequency and bus information and promotion. Encouraging more people to use bus services is particularly important at present with the feared disruption from the A38 Derby Junctions Scheme less than a year away.

Council therefore agrees to request that the Council Cabinet apply for money from the funding for supported bus services 2020/2021 pot in which it is allocated around £40,000. Council further agrees to make the case that, should additional funding be available from this pot, that Derby would be a deserving area to benefit in order to help mitigate the impact of the A38 Junctions Scheme.



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