

Council Wednesday 25 November 2015 at 6pm

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

Members:

The Mayor, Councillor Paul Pegg, and Councillors Afzal, Ashburner, Banwait, Barker, Bayliss, Bolton, Care, Carr, Dhindsa, Eldret, Froggatt, Graves, Grimadell, Harwood, Hassall, Hezelgrave, Hickson, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Jones, Keith, J Khan, S Khan, MacDonald, Martin, Naitta, Nawaz, Poulter, Raju, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Stanton, Tittley, Turner, Webb, West, Whitby, Williams, Winter, Wood and Wright.

Agenda

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of interest Attached

3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 July 2015

Attached

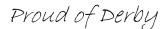
- 4. Announcements from the Mayor
- Statements from members of the Council Cabinet
- 6. Petition in relation to Teaching Assistant Pay

Attached

7. Questions from the public to members of the Council Cabinet

From	То	Subject
Dorothy Skrytek	Councillor Shanker	Air Quality
Rob Cooper	Councillor Rawson	Mackworth District Centre renewal
Simon Bacon	Councillor Rawson	Recycling Rates
David Adams	Councillor Banwait	Council Tax referendum
lan Liddle	Councillor Eldret	Zero hours contracts
John Evans	Councillor Afzal	Neighbourhood Board resources
Susan Stacey	Councillor Banwait	Harmonisation of Terms and Conditions
Fran Hurley	Councillor Banwait	Hay scoring for Teaching Assistants
Peter Robinson	Councillor Banwait	Fossil fuel divestment
Marie Clifford	Councillor Banwait	Teaching Assistant morale
Dorothy Skrytek	Councillor Shanker	Air Quality Monitoring
Rob Cooper	Councillor Afzal	Mackworth Neighbourhood Forum
Simon Bacon	Councillor Shanker	Plastic film recycling
David Adams	Councillor Banwait	Standards complaint
John Evans	Councillor Bolton	G4S Children's Unit
Susan Stacey	Councillor Banwait	Job Evaluation Schools Working Party
Fran Hurley	Councillor Banwait	Pay and Reward appeals procedure

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8. Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes None

9. Questions from non-Council Cabinet members

10. Minutes of the Council Cabinet meetings held on 11 November 2015 Attached

11. Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 12 November 2015 Attached

12. Annual Report of Scrutiny Attached

13. Urgent decision taken by the Chief Executive Attached

14. Amendments to the Council Constitution Attached

15. Notice of Motion: Cuts to Tax Credits

Moved by Councillor Dhindsa, seconded by Councillor Russell

Council is deeply concerned at the Government's planned cuts to tax credits.

Council is appalled by the Chancellor's decision to punish three million working families, while at the same time offering tax relief to multinational corporations and Britain's wealthiest individuals.

Council notes evidence collated by the Child Poverty Action Group on the impact of cuts to tax credits on a range of professions. For example, a nurse with two children working at least 30 hours per week would stand to lose £2,498 per year.

Council also accepts the findings of the Institute for Fiscal Studies which stated that increases in the minimum wage and higher income tax thresholds will 'nowhere near' compensate for cuts to tax credits.

Council believes that the low paid do not deserve to see their incomes slashed and calls on the Government to reverse this punitive and pernicious policy.

16. Notice of Motion: Extended Leave of Absence

Moved by Councillor Banwait, seconded by Councillor Rawson

Council extends its support to Councillor Redfern as she continues her recovery from ill health. Council therefore resolves to extend Councillor Redfern's leave of absence from meetings of the authority to 25 May 2016.

17. Notice of Motion: Junior Doctors' Contracts

Moved by Councillor Repton, seconded by Councillor Tittley

This council urges the Secretary of State not to impose the proposed contract changes on junior doctors and instead return to real negotiations with the British Medical Association (BMA). Council notes that the contracts as proposed have already been rejected in both Scotland and Wales and raise serious concerns for doctors and patients alike. The proposals are regressive, dangerous, unethical and threaten the future of the NHS in

England.

Council is concerned at the impact they will have on residents in Derby. Council calls on the Government to re-negotiate the proposed contract with the BMA and provide Junior Doctors with the assurances they are seeking.

18. Notice of Motion: Show Racism the Red Card

Moved by Councillor Banwait, seconded by Councillor Afzal

In partnership with the Council and Derby County Football Club, Show Racism the Red Card recently held an anti-racism workshop at the iPro Stadium with 120 children from city schools. The children took part in exercises to learn about racism and hate crime in everyday life while also having an opportunity to question footballers and councillors about their own experiences. Council notes the positive feedback received from teachers and children who found the event inspirational.

Council is proud that Derby is a diverse city and welcomes the many benefits for our children and young people of living in multicultural communities.

Council therefore resolves to continue to tackle racism and hate crime in Derby through an on-going campaign in the wider community. Council moves that Show Racism the Red Card are invited to return to Derby to host further events so that more children can benefit in future.

Council calls on all members to support the Show Racism the Red Card campaign by holding up the Show Racism the Red Card poster to show our solidarity in tackling racism and hate crime in our city.

19. Notice of Motion: Bus Services

Moved by Councillor Ashburner, seconded by Councillor Naitta

Recent changes to Arriva bus services in the south and west of Derby are causing concern to local people due to issues including:

- Pedestrian and vehicle congestion on Babington Lane,
- Failure to provide an adequate service to district shopping areas,
- No longer providing a service to the bus station or lower part of the city centre, and
- Unnecessary and confusing duplication of service numbers within Derby.

Derby City Council agrees to write to Arriva to raise these concerns and urge them to urgently review their routes 5/5A, 6/6A and 7, including welcoming input from local people with a view to putting forward new route proposals which address concerns in time to be introduced with other changes at the end of January.

The council recognises that reliable bus services encourage people to leave their cars at home, so reducing congestion. The council therefore further confirms its support for appropriate bus priority measures, like bus lanes and bus detector loops at traffic lights, as a way to help bus services run to timetable.

20. Notice of Motion: Energy Policy

Moved by Councillor Care, seconded by Councillor Carr

Derby City Council is concerned about the lack of an effective national energy policy, recently demonstrated by the National Grid calling on its 'last resort' option to prevent electrical blackouts early in November and leaked memos indicating that the UK is unlikely to meet its 30 per cent energy from renewables target for 2020.

Council notes that, since the general election, the government is:

- Scrapping zero-carbon home standards meaning households will have higher energy bills,
- Cutting solar subsidies, and support for community clean energy,
- Seeking to sell the Green Investment Bank and remove the requirement for it to invest in green technologies,
- Scrapping windfarm subsidies,
- Taking nearly £1 billion from the renewable energy sector by changing the climate change levy,
- Removing tax exemptions for low emission cars, spending the money on new road building, and
- Being the only G7 country increasing subsidies for fossil fuels.

Derby City Council recognises that energy security is important for existing homes and businesses and key to attracting new business into Derby.

Council also reaffirms its commitment to work with others to reduce the city's carbon footprint.

The city council therefore agrees to develop a local electricity security strategy, working with the private sector to include energy efficiency, renewable electricity generation and electrical power storage.

To achieve this, Council agrees to form a member-led, cross-party group with four to eight members, and working with other partners, to report back by March 2016.

21. Notice of Motion: Social isolation and loneliness

Moved by Councillor Hassall, seconded by Councillor Hickson

In the light of the consultation undertaken by the Authority earlier this year on the subject of tackling social isolation and loneliness faced by older people, Council resolves to ask Council Cabinet to set up a cross party working group so that this important issue can be discussed in detail, using the breadth of knowledge from across the Chamber, with a view to putting forward recommendations to Cabinet that will enable the Authority to direct help to those residents affected by this most debilitating of conditions.

Janie Berry, Director of Governance

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