

## Annual Meeting of Council Wednesday 24 June 2020 at 11.00am

**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, Care, Carr, 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. Election of the Mayor of the City of Derby for the next municipal year

To receive nominations from councillors.

2. Appointment of the Deputy Mayor of the City of Derby for the next municipal year

To receive nominations from councillors.

3. To thank the Retiring Mayor

Motion That the thanks of this Council be given to Councillor Frank Harwood, for the zeal, impartiality and ability with which he has discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor of the City for the past year.

- 4. Apologies
- 5. Appointment of the Pinder and Tenter for the ensuing year

Motion That the Markets Officer be appointed Pinder and Tenter for the ensuing year.

6. Adjournment

Motion That the meeting be adjourned until 1pm today.

# **Agenda**Commencing at 1pm

7.	Apologies	
8.	Declarations of Interest	
9.	Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 February 2020	Attached
10.	Announcements from the Mayor	
11.	Announcement of Council Cabinet	Attached
	To receive an announcement from the Leader of the Council on appointments to the Council Cabinet.	
12.	Statements from members of the Council Cabinet	
	<ul> <li>Response to Covid-19 – Councillor Chris Poulter</li> </ul>	
13.	Schedule of Meetings for 2020/21	Attached
14.	Constitutional appointments for 2020/21	Attached
15.	Appointments to Neighbourhood Boards for 2020/21	Attached
16.	Appointments to outside bodies and charities for 2020/21	Attached
17.	Attendance at annual conferences for 2020/21	Attached
18.	Appointment of the Chief Executive	Attached
19.	Urgent non-executive decisions made by the Chief Executive	Attached
20.	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	

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.

#### 21. 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.

#### 22. 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 nighttime 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.

#### 23. 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 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/britains-first-all-electric-bus-town-to-pave-the-way-for-green-communities-of-the-future">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/britains-first-all-electric-bus-town-to-pave-the-way-for-green-communities-of-the-future</a>

As an area with a recognised air quality issue, Derby is one of a limited For more information or if you have any specific requirements please contact Democratic Services on 01332 643643. Documents can be accessed online at <a href="https://democracy.derby.gov.uk/">https://democracy.derby.gov.uk/</a>

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.

Emily Feenan

**Monitoring Officer**