

# ITEM 9b

Time commenced - 6:01pm  
Time finished - 8:34pm

## **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 21 March 2023**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Robin Wood, and Councillors Atwal, Barker, Bonser, Care, Dhindsa, Evans, Eyre, A W Graves, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, C Ingall, P Ingall, Jennings, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Lindsey, Lonsdale, Naitta, Nawaz, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Peatfield, Potter, Poulter, Prosser, Rawson, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Testro, Webb, West, Whitby and Williams.

### **111/22 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carr, Froggatt, Martin and Swan.

### **112/22 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **113/22 Announcements from the Mayor**

The Mayor welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

The Mayor congratulated the City of Derby on being chosen by Government to be the new home of Great British Railways. Councillors Poulter, Shanker, Skelton and Graves reflected on this achievement.

It was reported that seven serving councillors would be standing down ahead of the local elections due to take place on Thursday 4 May 2023. Tributes were paid to Councillors Barker, Wood, Williams, Webb, Hussain, West and Carr in recognition of their time serving on the Council.

It was reported that Thursday 23 March was the National Day of Reflection, which was an opportunity to remember loved ones who had died, to support people who were grieving and to connect with each other. A minute's silence was observed.

### **114/22 Devolution deal - Consideration of consultation responses and submission of the East Midlands Combined County Authority Proposal to Government**

A report of the Chief Executive was considered in respect of consideration of consultation responses and submission of the East Midlands Combined County Authority Proposal to Government.

It was reported that following approval from Full Council in October 2022, Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire

County Council (the ‘Constituent Councils’) had undertaken statutory consultation on a Proposal to establish the East Midlands Combined County Authority (‘EMCCA’) across Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This consultation ran from 14 November 2022 to 9 January 2023.

It was reported that in order to progress the area’s devolution deal, under the draft legislation (and subject to the passage of, and Royal Assent to, the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill and relevant approvals), the four Constituent Councils were required to submit to the Government a final EMCCA Proposal (‘the Proposal’) that had regard to the results of the consultation and thereby the views of residents and other key stakeholders.

It was noted that the obligation on the Constituent Councils under clause 43 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill was to carry out a consultation “across the proposed area” and consider the results of that consultation. This was a requirement for each Constituent Council to consider the consultation responses provided across the whole area – not just those provided in their own area.

It was noted that Council was asked to approve the Proposal for submission to the Secretary of State. It was not yet clear when the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill would be enacted. The Bill must become law before the Council was able to submit the Proposal, and accordingly Council was also asked to delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to submit the Proposal at the appropriate time in consultation with the Chief Executives of the other Constituent Councils.

It was reported that should the Secretary of State accept the submitted Proposal, a further meeting of Council would, in due course, be asked to consent to the terms of the relevant Statutory Instrument that would formally establish the EMCCA. It would not be until this later point that Council would be asked to finally commit to the establishment of the EMCCA.

The recommendations in the report were moved by Councillor Poulter and seconded by Councillor Barker.

It was moved by Councillor Shanker and seconded by Councillor Peatfield that the motion be amended by the addition of the following words in recommendation 2.4 after the words “Chief Executive”:

*‘, following consultation with the Leader of the Council,’*

The amendment was put to the vote and carried.

The motion as amended was put to the vote. It was moved by Councillor Barker and seconded by at least ten members that under Council Procedure Rule CP71a the votes of councillors on the motion were noted and recorded.

For the motion: Councillors Barker, Bonser, Dhindsa, Eyre, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, Jennings, J Khan, S Khan, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Peatfield, Potter, Poulter, Rawson, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Smale, Webb, West, Whitby, Williams and Wood (31).

Against the motion: Councillors Atwal, Care, Evans, Graves, C Ingall, P Ingall, Kus, Lind, Lindsey, Lonsdale, Naitta, Prosser, Skelton and Testro (14).

Abstentions:  
None (0).

The motion was carried.

**Resolved that Council agrees to:**

- 1. approve the final Proposal attached at Appendix 1 to this report, having due regard to the consultation responses and the public sector equality duty, to create the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) for the areas of Derby City, Derbyshire County, Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County;**
- 2. note how the Proposal has been amended to take account of the results of the Consultation, other engagement activity, and recent developments as set out in this report and in more detail within Appendix 2 (the Summary of the Consultation and the Constituent Councils' Response), Appendix 3 (the Consultation Report), and Appendix 4 (the Engagement Report);**
- 3. delegate authority to the Chief Executive to submit the Proposal to the Secretary of State in consultation with the Chief Executives of the other Constituent Councils once the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill has received Royal Assent and the relevant provisions come into force; and**
- 4. delegate authority to the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to approve any typographical or technical amendments to the final Proposal which the Chief Executives of the other three Councils also agree on, on behalf of Derby City Council, prior to submission.**
- 5. note that a further report will be brought back to Council to consent to the relevant Statutory Instrument that will formally establish the EMCCA in due course.**

## **115/22     Designation of Statutory Roles**

A report of the Chief Executive was considered. The report sought approval for the designation of the statutory role of Chief Finance Officer. It was reported that the current Chief Finance Officer, Mr Simon Riley, had notified the Chief Executive of his intention to resign from his substantive post with effect from 2 April 2023.

The recommendation in the report was moved by Councillor Barker, and seconded. The matter was put to the vote and carried.

**Resolved to designate Alison Parkin as the Chief Finance Officer, as required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972, with effect from 3 April 2023.**

MAYOR