Time commenced - 7.30 pm Time finished - 8.47 pm

# EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 16 DECEMBER 2008

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Jackson) (In the Chair) Councillors Allen, Banwait, Batey, Baxter, Bayliss, Berry, Bolton, Care, Carr, Chera, Dhindsa, Ginns, Graves, Grimadell, Harwood, Higginbottom, Hird, Holmes, Hussain, Jennings, Jones, Keane, F Khan, R Khan, Leeming, Lowe, Marshall, Naitta, Nath, Poulter, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Roberts, Shanker, Skelton, Troup, Tuplin, Turner, Webb, Williamson, Winter, Wood.

#### Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hickson, Ingall, Latham, Mitchell, Richards, Williams and Willoughby.

## Declarations of Interest

Councillors Carr, Chera, Harwood, Leeming, Lowe, Tuplin and Winter declared personal interests in Motion 3 as they are holders of Gold cards.

#### 66/08 Notices of Motion

1. Closure of Public Conveniences

It was moved by Councillor Williamson, and seconded, that Council notes with concern the Lib Dem administration's proposal to close 10 public conveniences in the city.

Council recognises that Derby's population has an increasing percentage of older people and many young families who need access to public conveniences.

Council believes the Council Cabinet's proposal will discriminate against a large number of local people who will be excluded from utilising and enjoying the city's new and improving facilities.

The Council consented to the amendment of the motion by the mover by the addition of the following paragraph:

"In view of the recent public statements by the Leader of the Council and Councillor Naitta, Council supports the retention of all 10 public toilets that were earmarked for closure."

In accordance with Rule CP68, it was demanded by at least 10 members that the vote on the motion be recorded.

The following members voted for the motion:

The Mayor (Councillor Jackson), Councillors Banwait, Baxter, Bayliss, Berry, Bolton, Chera, Dhindsa, Graves, Grimadell, Higginbottom, Holmes, Hussain, Jennings, Leeming, Marshall, Nath, Poulter, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Roberts, Shanker, Turner, Webb, Williamson, Wood (27).

The following members voted against the motion:

Councillors Allen, Batey, Care, Carr, Ginns, Harwood, Hird, Jones, Keane, F Khan, R Khan, Lowe, Naitta, Skelton, Troup, Tuplin, Winter (17).

The motion was declared carried.

Resolved that Council notes with concern the Lib Dem administration's proposal to close 10 public conveniences in the city.

Council recognises that Derby's population has an increasing percentage of older people and many young families who need access to public conveniences.

Council believes the Council Cabinet's proposal will discriminate against a large number of local people who will be excluded from utilising and enjoying the city's new and improving facilities.

Council is opposed to the Lib Dem administration's plans and therefore calls on the Council Cabinet to reverse its decision and consider ways of increasing the number of public conveniences rather than reducing them.

In view of the recent public statements by the Leader of the Council and Councillor Naitta, Council supports the retention of all 10 public toilets that were earmarked for closure.

## 2. Councillor Development Charter

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Jones, that Council values the importance of developing its elected Members, in their many and varied roles, so that they can best serve the people of Derby. It recognises that the Local Government – East Midlands (LG-EM) Councillor Development

Charter is a structured, evidence-based scheme that demonstrates the Council's cross-party commitment to, and actions in, training and developing its Members.

Council therefore resolves to:

- Adopt and sign the LG-EM Councillor Development Charter to seek accreditation by March 2010
- Nominate the Chair of the Members' Services Working Party and the Civic & Members' Services Manager as the responsible Member and Officer respectively, for the development and implementation of an action plan to achieve accreditation.
- Request the Members' Services Working Party to oversee the implementation of the plan.
- 3. Concessionary Travel Scheme

It was moved by Councillor Graves, and seconded, that Council calls on the Council Cabinet to review the senior and concessionary travel scheme so that Derby residents can easily and without cost:

- 1. travel to pre 9.30am medical appointments and
- 2. travel beyond the current arbitrary 11pm restriction.

The Council considered a briefing note on the motion prepared by the Corporate Directors of Resources and Regeneration and Community.

In accordance with Rule CP68, it was demanded by at least 10 members that the vote on the motion be recorded.

The following members voted for the motion:

The Mayor (Councillor Jackson), Councillors Banwait, Baxter, Bayliss, Berry, Bolton, Chera, Dhindsa, Graves, Grimadell, Higginbottom, Holmes, Hussain, Jennings, Leeming, Marshall, Nath, Poulter, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Roberts, Shanker, Turner, Webb, Williamson, Wood (27).

The following members voted against the motion:

Councillors Allen, Batey, Care, Carr, Ginns, Harwood, Hird, Jones, Keane, F Khan, R Khan, Lowe, Naitta, Skelton, Troup, Tuplin, Winter (17).

The motion was declared carried.

Resolved that Council calls on the Council Cabinet to review the senior and concessionary travel scheme so that Derby residents can easily and without cost:

- 1. travel to pre 9.30am medical appointments and
- 2. travel beyond the current arbitrary 11pm restriction."

Mayor