



**Council**  
**Wednesday 24 February 2021**  
**At 6:00pm**

**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, 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 20 January 2021 **Attached**
4. Announcements from the Mayor
5. Statements from members of the Council Cabinet
6. Questions from the Public

	Questioner	Respondent	Summary
<b>A</b>	Nathalie Hollingworth	Cllr Webb	Vaccinations administered by GPs
<b>B</b>	Emily Lonsdale	Cllr M Holmes	Crossing point at Manor Kingsway
<b>C</b>	Mair Bain	Cllr M Holmes	Review & update of the Local Transport Plan
<b>D</b>	Adrian Howlett	Cllr M Holmes	Climate impact of new homes
<b>E</b>	Brendan Connelly	Cllr Roulstone	Council Tax increase
<b>F</b>	Nathalie Hollingworth	Cllr Roulstone	Piloting Universal Basic Income
<b>G</b>	Mair Bain	Cllr M Holmes	Carbon intensive infrastructure developments

7. Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes

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| 8.  | Questions from non-Council Cabinet members  |                 |
| 9.  | Minute extract 120/20 of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2021 (Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2021-22)   | <b>Attached</b> |
| 10. | Minute extract 119/20 of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2021 (Medium Term Financial Plan 2021-22 – 2023-24 (Revenue Budget, Capital Budget, Dedicated Schools Grant, Reserves and Capital Strategy)) | <b>Attached</b> |
| 11. | Council Tax Setting 2021-22   | <b>Attached</b> |
| 12. | Pay Policy Statement 2021-22  | <b>Attached</b> |
| 13. | Councillors' Allowances Scheme 2021-22  | <b>Attached</b> |
| 14. | Public and Councillor Questions at Council Meetings   | <b>Attached</b> |
| 15. | <b>Notice of Motion: Healthy Start Vouchers</b>   |                 |

Moved by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Dhindsa:

*This Council notes:*

- *Healthy Start vouchers, which can be used to buy fruit, vegetables, pulses and milk, provide crucial access to healthy food for those who need it most: qualifying pregnant women, babies and toddlers.*
- *Following a recommendation from the National Food Strategy and campaigning by Marcus Rashford, the Government has committed to increasing their value from April this year.*
- *Many supermarkets including Central England Co-operative have committed to topping up the value of Healthy Start Vouchers, a very welcome initiative.*
- *Take up of Healthy Start Vouchers fell dramatically across England last year due to the pandemic as Covid-19 restrictions limited the opportunities and contact points eligible pregnant women and those with young children to access information about them. In Derby recent statistics (cycle 229) show that fewer than half (49%) of those eligible for vouchers are claiming them, a significant drop from previous 4 week cycles; in cycle 200 for example 67% of those eligible were claiming the vouchers and just a few years ago the take up was almost 80%.*

*This Council believes:*

- *Good nutrition is incredibly important for all, but particularly for younger children and pregnant women.*
- *This current lockdown is likely to have a further negative effect on take up of Healthy Start Vouchers.*

*This Council resolves:*

- *To run an active online promotional campaign for Healthy Start Vouchers, starting in the first quarter of 2021, ideally in conjunction with relevant health and care providers to encourage the uptake of Healthy Start Vouchers in Derby to ensure that our young people get the best possible start in life. This campaign to share the increase in value from April, and to continue promoting them with a view to a figure of at least 75% take up.*

**16. Notice of Motion: Indian Farmers**

Moved by Councillor Atwal, seconded by Councillor Naitta:

*Council recognises the importance of the farming sector in any nation, and the importance of protecting its producers and the farming market for sustainability, stability, and growth, and to enable subsidies to be reduced.*

*Council acknowledges with great sadness the situation currently being faced by farmers in India. The three farming bills recently introduced in Parliament, are causing serious concerns regarding their threat to livelihoods in terms of sustainability, fair market pricing and profitability.*

*Council notes with concern that the bills offer no democratic or legal mechanisms for challenging them. This raises the prospect of millions of Indian farmers facing poverty, with no ability to challenge the cause of it.*

*Council therefore resolves to:*

- 1) *Write to the British Prime Minister to express our deep concern and displeasure at the situation currently being faced by Indian farmers, and to ask him to raise this with the Indian Prime Minister and to urge that the situation be resolved by negotiation and peaceful means.*
- 2) *Write to the Indian Ambassador to the UK to express our deep concern and that of the Indian diaspora in the UK at the action of the Indian government against farmers, and the unwarranted level of Police brutality on peaceful protesters, and calling for peaceful and democratic negotiations to take place urgently.*

**17. Notice of Motion: Erasmus+ Student Exchange Programme**

Moved by Councillor Skelton, seconded by Councillor Willoughby:

*Council notes with sadness and concern that students and young people from Derby will no longer be eligible to take part in the Europe-wide Erasmus+ exchange programme after the UK failed to reach agreement over its post Brexit membership.*

*Council notes that the omission of Erasmus+ from the UK-EU deal ends a*

*scheme that had offered student exchanges, including vocational exchanges, as well as school links, work experience and apprenticeships across Europe since 1987.*

*Council notes the impact of Erasmus+ in terms of improving employment prospects, contributing to inclusive growth and increasing opportunities for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and those with special needs with additional targeted funding of 120 Euros per month for participants from 'widening participation groups' and extra funding on top of that for participants with disabilities or special educational needs.*

*Council notes that over 3.5m young people from across the EU have benefitted from Erasmus+ since 1987, with around 17,000 young people from the UK benefitting every year, and around 32,000 EU nationals coming to the UK.*

*Council believes the proposed replacement of Erasmus+ with the Turing programme is ill-thought out, inadequately funded and will deny opportunities to the most disadvantaged young people. Council notes that emerging details about the Turing programme show that the UK government has committed annual funding of £100m only guaranteed for 2021/22, but has not replaced the £440m Erasmus+ brought to the UK in inbound funding.*

*Council agrees to:*

- 1) Write to the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen to outline this motion and place on record our thanks and appreciation for the cultural and economic contribution Erasmus+ has made for citizens of Derby since 1987.*
- 2) Write to the UK Minister for Universities Michelle Donelan MP to outline this motion and to make representations to urge the government to revisit the decision to leave the Erasmus+ programme.*



**Emily Feenan**  
**Monitoring Officer**