



Council
Wednesday 23 September 2020
At 7:00pm*

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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**This meeting will commence no earlier than 7pm and will immediately follow the conclusion of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council scheduled for 6pm.*

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

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| 1. | Apologies | | |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest | | Attached |
| 3. | Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 July 2020 | | Attached |
| 4. | Announcements from the Mayor | | |
| 5. | Statements from members of the Council Cabinet | | |
| 6. | Questions from the Public | | |

	Questioner	Respondent	Summary
A	Dorothy Skrytek	Councillor Smale	Allotment rentals
B	Emily Lonsdale	Councillor Williams	Access to IT equipment for young people
C	Nathalie Hollingworth	Councillor Barker	Process for consideration of complaints against councillors
D	Alison Martin	Councillor M Holmes	Markeaton Park tree felling
E	Timothy Prosser	Councillor Wood	Moorways opening date and project costs
F	Michael Siveyer	Councillor M Holmes	Midland Hotel planning regulations
G	Dorothy Skrytek	Councillor Poulter	Derby Economic Recovery team
H	Nathalie Hollingworth	Councillor Webb	Protection of children from Coronavirus
I	Timothy Prosser	Councillor Wood	Field Lane Football Club

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7. Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes
8. Questions from non-Council Cabinet members
9. Minute extract 28/19 of the Corporate Parenting Committee held on 18 February 2020 (Corporate Parenting Strategy 2019-21) **Attached**
10. Minute extract 08/20 of the Council Cabinet held on 15 July 2020 (New Performance Venue) **Attached**
11. Minute extract 08/20 of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board held on 7 September 2020 (Appointment of Co-Opted Members) **Attached**
12. Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2019-20 **Attached**
13. **Notice of Motion: Fair and proportional allocation of constitutional appointments**

Moved by Councillor Shanker, seconded by Councillor Peatfield:

Derby City Council's political control has had a history of regular change and long periods of no over control by any one Political Group: this must always be respected as it is the will of the people that Councillors are here to serve.

During these times we must always ensure that good, sound decisions are being made to move the City forward and protect the interests of our communities, residents and businesses. To achieve this, there is a need for robust governance that includes effective scrutiny and regulatory decision-making, based at all times on principles of openness and transparency.

The period leading up to an AGM is characterised by difficult and most often secret negotiations that do not support these principles. A fairer and more defined process should be sought to improve decision making.

Council therefore requests that the Monitoring Officer and the Democratic Services team review the current arrangements for appointing Chairs and Vice Chairs to the various Scrutiny Boards and Regulatory Committees and to propose options to amend constitutional rules that will lead to a fairer and more proportional distribution of these positions based on the "Widdicombe" principles of political proportionality. These options should be brought back to a meeting of Full Council prior to the 2021 AGM for debate and a vote.

14. **Notice of Motion: Public Protection Officers**

Moved by Councillor P Pegg, seconded by Councillor S Khan:

Through the effectiveness of strong scrutiny, it has been brought to the attention of this Council that the Public Protection Officer team is not functioning as it was assured it would be two years ago. Plans to allocate

one PPO per ward with powers to issue fixed penalty notices for fly tipping, dog fouling, parking on grass verges, bins on streets, flytipping and infringements of the Road Traffic Act have not come to fruition.

Last month the Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board received reports on the powers the PPOs had to deal with anti-social behaviour, environmental crime, community protection and issuing fixed penalty notices.

Currently the PPOs have no powers to issue enforcement notices for parking on verges or any forms of road traffic offences; under devolved powers this needs addressing as a matter of urgency to allow them to carry out their duties.

The PPO team is supported by all councillors who wish to see them successfully carry out their duties and work towards to betterment of Derby and our communities.

This Council therefore agrees to urgently support the PPO team in providing them with the correct tools, equipment and give them the necessary authority to allow them to carry out their duties effectively.

15. Notice of Motion: Planning proposals

Moved by Councillor Care, seconded by Councillor Carr:

This Council notes:

- 1. The publication by Government of the White Paper, 'Planning for the Future' on 6 August 2020, which set out proposals on reforms to the planning process for the future.*
- 2. That the vast majority of planning applications are given the go ahead by local authorities, with permission granted to around 9 out of 10 applications.*
- 3. That research by the Local Government Association has said that there are existing planning permissions for more than one million homes that have not yet been started.*

This Council is concerned that the proposals seek to:

- 1. Reduce or remove the right of residents to object to applications near them.*
- 2. Grant automatic rights for developers to build on land identified as 'for growth'.*
- 3. Remove section 106 payments for infrastructure and their replacement with a national levy.*

This Council further notes:

- 1. The Royal Institute for British Architects called the proposals 'shameful and which will do almost nothing to guarantee delivery of affordable, well-designed and sustainable homes'. RIBA also said that proposals*

- could lead to the next generation of slum housing.*
- 2. The reforms are opposed by the all-party Local Government Association, currently led by Conservative Councillors.*

This Council believes:

- 1. That existing planning procedures, as currently administered by our own team in Derby, allow for local democratic control over future development and give local people a say in planning proposals that affect them.*
- 2. That proposals for automatic rights to build in 'growth' areas, and increased permitted development rights, risk unregulated growth and unsustainable communities.*
- 3. That local communities must be in the driving seat on shaping the future of their communities, and local determination of the planning framework and planning applications play an important part in this process.*

This Council resolves to:

- 1. Take part in the consultation in the planning proposals, and to make representations against the proposals as outlined in this motion.*
- 2. Write to and lobby all our Members of Parliament, urging them to oppose these proposals and to circulate their replies to members.*
- 3. Highlight its concerns over these proposals with the public and local residents.*



Emily Feenan
Monitoring Officer