

Time commenced - 18:01
Time adjourned - 20:04
Time recommenced - 20:16
Time finished - 22:42

COUNCIL

24 February 2021

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Frank Harwood, and Councillors Anderson, Ashburner, Atwal, Barker, Bettany, Carr, Care, Cooper, Dhindsa, Eldret, Evans, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, 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.

85/20 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

86/20 Declarations of Interest

The Mayor invited the Monitoring Officer to address the meeting, who informed councillors that a general dispensation was being granted for the duration of the meeting to allow voting to take place on the Council Tax proposals and the Councillors' Allowances Scheme for 2021-22.

There were no declarations of interest.

87/20 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Ingall and seconded by Councillor Atwal that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 20 January 2021 be approved as a correct record.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 January 2021 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

88/20 Announcements from the Mayor

The Mayor welcomed councillors and those watching online, before addressing several housekeeping matters relating to the remote administration of the meeting and consideration the Council's budget, as recommended by the Council Cabinet in minute 119/20.

The Mayor noted the recent celebration of the 45th anniversary of Derby's twinning with the German city of Osnabrück and expressed the Council's best wishes to residents there during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The Mayor also paid tribute to Council and NHS colleagues who had been involved in the recent vaccination effort, which had been taking place at the Derby Arena.

It was reported that several councillors would be standing down ahead of the local elections due to take place on Thursday 6 May 2021. Tributes were paid to Councillors Anderson, Ashburner, Eldret, Stanton, and Russell in recognition of their time serving on the Council.

89/20 Statements from members of the Council Cabinet

There were none.

90/20 Questions from the public

Questions and responses were heard as follows:

Questioner	Respondent	Summary
Nathalie Hollingworth	Councillor Webb	Vaccinations administered by GPs
Emily Lonsdale	Councillor M Holmes	Crossing point at Manor Kingsway
Mair Bain	Councillor M Holmes	(i) Review & update of the Local Transport Plan (ii) Carbon intensive infrastructure developments
Adrian Howlett	Councillor Webb	Climate impact of new homes
Brendan Connelly	Councillor Roulstone	Council Tax increase
Nathalie Hollingworth	Councillor Roulstone	Piloting Universal Basic Income

91/20 Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes

There were none.

92/20 Questions from non-Council Cabinet members

Under the provisions of CP42(n), it was moved by Councillor Shanker and seconded by Councillor Ingall, that Council Procedure Rule CP24, requiring published questions and answers to be put verbally, was suspended.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Supplementary questions and answers were put and responded to as follows:

Questioner	Respondent	Summary
Councillor Atwal	Councillor Barker	Allestree Park Golf Course
Councillor P Pegg	Councillor Smale	Neighbourhood working
Councillor Repton	Councillor Wood	Moorways swimming pool
Councillor Hezelgrave	Councillor Roulstone	Free school meal vouchers
Councillor Hussain	Councillor Webb	Covid-19 in care homes

Councillor Dhindsa	Councillor Smale	Anti-Racism campaign
Councillor Shanker	Councillor M Holmes	Assembly Rooms responses
Councillor Carr	Councillor M Holmes	Removal of Local Plan Part 2 from Forward Plan
Councillor Care	Councillor M Holmes	Support for Mickleover transport priorities
Councillor Repton	Councillor Roulstone	Council Tax increase
Councillor Repton	Councillor M Holmes	Response to public consultations

93/20 Minute extract 120/20 of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2021.

The Mayor introduced a minute extract from the Council Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2021, relating to the approval of the Council's Treasury Management and Investment Strategy.

It was moved by Councillor Roulstone, and seconded by Councillor Webb, that minute 120/20 of the Council Cabinet be approved.

Resolved to approve minute 120/20 of Council Cabinet.

94/20 Minute extract 119/20 of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2021.

Councillors were presented with minute 119/20 of the Council Cabinet (Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 – 2023/24 (Revenue Budget, Capital Budget, Dedicated Schools Grant, Reserves and Capital Strategy)). Council was also provided with the full report considered by Council Cabinet on 10 February to consider alongside the minute extract.

The Mayor stated that Council Procedure Rules would be varied to enable Group Leaders to speak for longer than five minutes in response to the Leader of the Council moving the proposals.

The motion before Council was moved by Councillor Poulter, and seconded by Councillor Roulstone:

To recommend to Council to approve:

Revenue Budget

- a) *Derby City Council's net budget requirement for 2021/22 of £256,372,732 subject to the finalisation of the Council's Council Tax for 2021/22.*
- b) *To increase the City Council element of Council Tax by 4.99% as set out in in section 4.9 of the report.*

- c) *The directorates revenue budget plans for 2021/22 to 2023/24 as set out in section 4.7 of the report and the revenue budget estimates as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.*
- d) *The implementation of savings proposals included in Appendix 4a of the report.*
- e) *Subject to the completion and consideration, where relevant, of any further consultation exercises, equality impact assessments and assessments under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.*
- f) *The commencement of appropriate procurement procedures to support the specific budget proposals listed in Appendix 4a of the report.*

Reserves

- a) *The use of reserves of £1.967m on a non-recurrent basis to smooth the timing differences on the collection fund for 2021/22.*
- b) *The reserves adequacy report as detailed in Appendix 6 of the report.*

Capital

- a) *The capital programme for 2021/22 and note the indicative capital programme for 2022/23 and 2023/24 as set out in section 5 of the report. A summary and detail was detailed in Appendix 12 of the report.*
- b) *To recommend that Council approve the additional borrowing outlined in section 5.1, 5.1.9 and 5.3.4 of the report.*
- c) *The MRP policy detailed in Appendix 14 of the report.*
- d) *The prudential indicators detailed in Appendix 15 of the report.*
- e) *The Capital Strategy attached at Appendix 16 of the report.*
- f) *Application of the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts Policy as outlined in section 5.3.6 and Appendix 19 of the report.*

Dedicated Schools Grant

- a) *The allocations of the Dedicated Schools Grant as detailed in section 6 of the report.*
- b) *The increase of Minimum Funding Level per pupil to £4,180 per primary school pupil and £5,415 per secondary aged pupil.*
- c) *The base rate element of the Early Years Funding for 2 year olds of £5.36 and 3/4 year olds £4.43 per hour.*
- d) *The application of the following formula criteria for 2021/22:*
 - i. *To implement a cap on growth above 2.91% per pupil and a scaling factor of 100%*

- ii. *To set a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 0.5%.*
- e) *The transfer of £0.500m from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.*
- f) *The use of the Dedicated Schools Grant Reserve to the value of £0.600m to support the 2021/22 Dedicated Schools Grant Budget,*
- g) *To approve the value of Growth Fund of £0.160m to be retained centrally and to continue with the infant class size funding of £0.3m.*

1. *To delegate:*

- *Approval to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources to make necessary adjustments in order to retain a balanced budget for 2021/22.*
- *Approval to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement to permit movement of schemes (detailed within the 3-year capital approved programme) within and between financial years to facilitate delivery and agility in Capital Programme delivery. These would be subsequently reported in the quarterly financial monitoring reports.*

Councillors Shanker, Skelton and A W Graves spoke in response, before the Mayor invited further contributions under the normal rules of debate.

It was moved by Councillor A W Graves and seconded by Councillor Evans that the proposals be amended by the addition of the following words in the resolution:

"That the budget is increased by a fair Council Tax increase for 2021/22.

The Government announcement of 4.5% increase in Core Spending Power in December was based on Council's increasing Council Tax by the maximum of 5% (including levying a 3% Social Care Precept). This sleight of hand means that the hard-pressed taxpayers of Derby are being asked to fund what should have come as funding from Central government

The pandemic has hit Derby hard with 35% of the city workforce furloughed and 22% of our children living in low income households. It is not right to pass on the full 5% Council Tax increase at this time and the Council must cut its cloth and reduce its budget requirement to increase Council Tax by no more than 1.99%

Within the budget are a number of contingencies, estimates and placeholders linked to the ongoing impact of Covid-19 in 2021/22 with no identified commitments at the current time. These should be reduced to reduce the Council Tax Increase required. The Administration should manage any emergent pressures through robust financial management in year and not through passing this on through a Council Tax increase to the residents of Derby

This amendment is for the proposed Council Tax Increase (including Social Care Precept) to be 1.99%. This to be split 0.99% DCC Council Tax and 1% Social Care Precept.

That the MTFP for 2021/22- 2023/24 be amended as follows:

Revenue Budget:

	<i>Service</i>	<i>Total Revised 2021/22 £m</i>	<i>Total Revised 2022/23 £m</i>	<i>Total Revised 2023/24 £m</i>
<i>Amend p44</i>				
<i>Council Tax at 1.99% (MTFP includes £107.597m)</i>	<i>Funding</i>	<i>104.523</i>	<i>107.719</i>	<i>111.181</i>
<i>Amend: Page 63</i>				
<i>Full Street Car Park – loss of income if demolished 2021 (original pressure £0.446m)</i>	<i>Parking</i>	<i>0.000</i>		
<i>Amend: P65</i>				
<i>Covid Scarring - Additional loss of income - place holder – Original Pressure £2.3m. New figure of £1.8m represents 20% of income losses reported to MHCLG (sept 2020)</i>	<i>Corporate Pressures</i>	<i>1.800</i>		
<i>Emerging Covid Pressures Fund (original £0.480m)</i>	<i>Corporate Pressures</i>	<i>0.200</i>		
<i>Amend Page 44 & 45</i>				
<i>Inflation Estimates – Reduce provision for payaward from 1.75% to 1% (was £1.986m)</i>	<i>Inflation Estimate</i>	<i>1.135</i>		
<i>Inflation Estimate – Price Inflation (excl. Social Care) reduced to zero (cash freeze) (was £0.737m)</i>	<i>Inflation Estimate</i>	<i>0.000</i>		
<i>Opportunity Fund</i>	<i>Corporate</i>	<i>0.000</i>		

<i>(was £0.140m)</i>	<i>Budget</i>			
<i>Corporate Contingency Fund (was £0.190m)</i>	<i>Corporate Budget</i>	<i>0.089</i>		
<i>Increased budget gap year 2 and 3 – in addition to existing gap</i>			<i>3.167</i>	<i>3.271</i>

The amendment was put to the vote. As required under Rule CP71b of the Council Procedure Rules, the votes of the councillors on the amendment were noted and recorded, as they related to the setting of the Council's Budget.

For the amendment:

Councillors Bettany, Evans, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, Kus and Marshall (7).

Against the amendment:

Councillors Anderson, Barker, Cooper, Hassall, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, Ingall, McCristal, Pattison, Pearce, A Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Roulstone, Smale, Stanton, Testro, Webb, Williams and Wood (21).

Abstentions:

Councillors Ashburner, Atwal, Care, Carr, Dhindsa, Eldret, Hezelgrave, Hussain, J Khan, S Khan, Lind, Naitta, Nawaz, Peatfield, P Pegg, Repton, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, West, Willoughby and the Mayor, Councillor Harwood (23).

The amendment was lost.

The substantive minute was put to the vote. As required under Rule CP71b of the Council Procedure Rules, the votes of the councillors on the substantive motion were noted and recorded as the resolution related to the setting of the Council's Budget.

The voting was as follows:

For the motion:

Councillors Anderson, Barker, Cooper, Hassall, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, Ingall, McCristal, Pattison, Pearce, A Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Roulstone, Smale, Testro, Webb, Williams and Wood (20).

Against the motion:

Councillors Bettany, Evans, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, Kus and Marshall (7).

Abstentions:

Councillors Ashburner, Atwal, Care, Carr, Dhindsa, Eldret, Hezelgrave, Hussain, J Khan, S Khan, Lind, Naitta, Nawaz, Peatfield, P Pegg, Repton, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Stanton, West, Willoughby and the Mayor, Councillor Harwood (24).

Resolved to approve minute 119/20 of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 10 February 2021.

Councillor Hassall left the meeting at this point.

95/20 Council Tax Setting 2021-22

A report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources was considered detailing Derby City Council's Council Tax requirement and the total Council Tax for Derby City residents for 2021/22, including precepts for the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Derbyshire Fire Authority.

It was further noted that as a billing authority the Council is required to calculate its Council Tax requirement for the year, which had been calculated as £107,597,382.

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

As required under Rule CP71b of the Council Procedure Rules, the votes of the councillors on the substantive motion were noted and recorded as the resolution related to the setting of Council Tax.

The voting was as follows:

For the motion:

Councillors Anderson, Ashburner, Barker, Cooper, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, Ingall, McCristal, Pattison, Pearce, A Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Roulstone, Smale, Testro, Webb, Williams and Wood (20).

Against the motion:

Councillors Bettany, Evans, Froggatt, A W Graves, Kus and Marshall (6).

Abstentions:

Councillors Atwal, Care, Carr, Dhindsa, Eldret, Hezelgrave, Hussain, J Khan, S Khan, Lind, Naitta, Nawaz, Peatfield, P Pegg, Repton, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Stanton, West, Willoughby and the Mayor, Councillor Harwood (23).

Councillor A J Graves was not present in the meeting at the time the vote was taken.

Resolved:

To approve:

- a) **The Council Tax requirement for Derby City Council for 2021/22 of £107,597,382 in line with the detailed calculation presented in Appendix 1.**
- b) **The amounts of Council Tax for the year 2021/22 for each of the categories of dwellings detailed in section 4, being the aggregate in each case of the amounts detailed in sections 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992**

- c) The publication of the requisite notices in accordance with the provisions of Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**

To note:

- a) Council Cabinet recommended to Council the net budget requirement for Derby City Council for 2021/22 of £256,372,732.**
- b) For the year 2021/22, Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner have stated their authority's precept to the Council, in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings detailed in section 4.3.**

96/20 Pay Policy Statement 2021/22

A report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources was considered, detailing the proposed Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22. It was noted that Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011 required councils to set out its policies in relation to the remuneration of Chief Officers; the remuneration of its lowest paid employees; and, the relationship between the remuneration of its Chief Officers and other officers.

The recommendations in the report were moved by Councillor Barker, seconded by Councillor Ingall, put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve the Pay Policy Statement 2021/22 attached at Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 2. To note that the Pay Policy Statement will be published on the Council's website.**

97/20 Councillors' Allowances Scheme 2021/22

A report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources proposing a Councillors' Allowances Scheme for 2021-22 was presented to Council. The report noted that in setting a scheme of allowances, Council must have regard to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) and that a report of the IRP was last considered in May 2018.

It was noted that the IRP was preparing a set of recommendations for Council to consider. However, further to consultation with the Chair, additional work was required to develop the report and provide Council with a comprehensive basis on which to base any future decisions.

The report therefore proposed that the existing Councillors' Allowances Scheme was extended until such time as the IRP was ready to present its recommendations to Council. It was further noted that the proposed scheme for 2021-22 contained only consequential changes to the previous version of the scheme.

The recommendations were moved by Councillor Barker and seconded by Ingall, put to the vote, and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve the Councillors' Allowances Scheme 2021-22 as set out at Appendix 1 of the report, to take effect from 1 April 2021.**
- 2. To note that the Independent Remuneration Panel is preparing a report to Council and to receive its recommendations in due course.**

98/20 Public and Councillor Questions at Council Meetings

A report of the Monitoring Officer was received detailing amendments to the Council Procedure Rules, relating to the process for the consideration of public and councillor questions at Council meetings.

The report followed a motion proposed by Councillor Shanker at the meeting of 20 January 2021, to permanently amend the Council Questions procedure to remove the requirement for responses to questions published in the printed booklet to be read out during the meeting. As required by Council Procedure Rule CP87, any motion to permanently amend Council Procedure Rules stands adjourned until the following meeting, pending a report of the Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer).

The report detailed amendments to Council Procedure Rule CP24 that would give effect to the proposal made by Councillor Shanker and were presented to Council for consideration and potential adoption. It was noted that the next meeting of Council where public and councillor questions would be considered was likely to be in July 2021.

The recommendations in the report were moved by Councillor Shanker and seconded by Councillor Ingall. The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve the proposed changes to the Public and Councillor Questions procedure as detailed at paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 of the report.**
- 2. To approve the required alteration of Rule CP24 in the Council Constitution to facilitate the change, as detailed at paragraph 4.7 of the report.**
- 3. To agree that the changes will take effect from the meeting of Council to be scheduled in July 2021.**

99/20 Motion: Healthy Start Vouchers

The following motion was moved by Councillor West, and 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.*

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

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100/20 Motion: Indian Farmers

The following motion was moved by Councillor Atwal and 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.*

Under Council Procedure Rule CP42(m), it was moved by Councillor Skelton and seconded by Councillor Dhindsa that the meeting be extended beyond four hours in duration.

The procedural motion was put to the vote and carried.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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101/20 Motion: Erasmus+ Student Exchange Programme

The following motion was moved by Councillor Skelton and 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.*

The motion was put to the vote and lost.

MAYOR