

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DERBY CITY COUNCIL

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Derby City Council in the Darwin Suite at the Assembly Rooms, Derby on Wednesday 19 December 2012 at 6 pm.

A G E N D A

1. To receive apologies.
2. To receive Declarations of Interest.
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 September 2012. **DOCUMENT 3**

Motion - That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 September 2012 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

4. To receive any announcements from The Mayor.
5. To receive any Statements from members of the Council Cabinet.
6. To receive any questions from the public to members of the Council Cabinet and the answers to those questions.

a	Simon Bacon	Sinfin Waste Treatment Plant – 3 rd Party Waste
b	Dorothy Skrytek	Household Waste
c	Helen Greig	Living Wage
d	Brett Sentance	Housing Providers in Derby
e	Jackie Carpenter	Milestone House
f	Mary Johnson	Children's Therapeutic Services
g	Simon Bacon	Sinfin Waste Treatment Plant – Waste Contract
h	Brett Sentance	Emergency Housing Provision
i	Jackie Carpenter	Private Sector Housing for Rent
j	Dorothy Skrytek	Brown Bins

(Note – unless the Council decides otherwise, the maximum period of time for questions by the public is thirty minutes.)

7. To receive any written questions about the business or functions of the Derbyshire Fire Authority and Derby Homes and the answers to those questions.
8. To receive any written questions from non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet and the answers to those questions.
9. To consider minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 17 October, 7 November and 5 December 2012, requiring the approval of the Council. **DOCUMENT 9**

81/12 Global Technology Cluster

To recommend Council to approve the additional borrowing – to deliver essential core infrastructure works.

83/12 Acquisition of the Former Magistrates Court, Derwent Street, Derby

To recommend Council to approve the additional borrowing of £515,000 from either the LEP or the Council's traditional source of finance.

89/12 Improvements to the Petitions Scheme

To recommend Council to adopt the Petitions Scheme.

DOCUMENT 9a

105/12 Local Authority Mortgage Scheme

To approve 31m of Council money in support of the Local Authority Mortgage Scheme, subject to Council approval of the necessary changes to the treasury management strategy.

121/12 Council Tax Charges on Empty and Unoccupied Properties

To recommend to Council that Council Tax at the following rates be charged from 1 April 2013:

1.
 - a) Properties classed as Second Homes – charge at 100% which is an increase from current 90% charge.
 - b) Properties currently classed as exempt Class A and therefore have no Council Tax to pay– charge at 100%.
 - c) Properties currently classed as exempt Class C and therefore have no Council Tax to pay– charge at 100%.
 - d) Properties empty and unoccupied for more than two years – charge at 150% which is an increase from the current 90% charge.
 - e) Properties currently classed as exempt Class L and therefore have no Council Tax to pay– charge at 100%.
2. To recommend to Council that the amount of Council Tax charged on properties empty and unoccupied for more than six months but less than two years be changed from its current rate of 90% to 100% from 1 April 2013.

Motion – To approve the above minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet of 17 October, 7 November and 5 December 2012.

- 10 To consider minutes and recommendations of the Neighbourhoods Board, dated 25 September 2012. **DOCUMENT 10**

15/12 Police and Crime Panels Update

to recommend to Council that it ensures future appointments to the Police and Crime Panel include the Chair of the overview and scrutiny board with the responsibility for crime and disorder.

Motion - To approve the above minute and recommendation of the Neighbourhoods Board of 25 September 2012.

- 11 To consider minutes and recommendations of the General Licensing Committee, dated 6 December 2012. **DOCUMENT 11**

23/12 Gambling Act Statement of Principles

To recommend Council to approve the adoption of the revised Statement of Principles.

DOCUMENT 11a

Motion – to approve the above minute and recommendation of the General Licensing Committee of 6 December 2012.

- 12 To consider a report of the Strategic Director of Resources, concerning the appointment of a Monitoring Officer, Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer. **DOCUMENT 12**

Motion – to approve the appointment of Janie Berry, Director of Legal and Democratic Services Designate as Monitoring Officer, Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer, with effect from 11 January 2013.

- 13 To consider a report of the Strategic Director of Resources, concerning appointments to the Discretionary Housing Payments Committee. **DOCUMENT 13**

Motion –

To add the Discretionary Housing Payments appeal function to the responsibilities of the Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee as a sub committee

To require that DHPC be made up of any three members of that committee, to include a Chair or one of the Vice Chairs

To instruct officers to ensure that members of DHPC are trained in the appeal function before they sit on any appeals.

- 14 To consider a report of the Strategic Director of Resources, **DOCUMENT 14**

concerning an appointment to the role of Heritage Champion.

Motion – to approve the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Planning, Environment and Public Protection, as Heritage Champion for Derby.

15 To consider the following Notices of Motion:

(1) Councillor Carr to move, Councillor Jones to second:

‘Derby City Council champions the adoption of a ‘Living Wage.’ The ‘Living Wage’ is an hourly rate that is set by a national charity known as ‘The Living Wage Foundation.’ Adopting this would ensure low paid workers earn enough to provide for themselves and their families. Derby City Council commits to paying all employees this rate as a minimum. Derby City Council will also encourage all sub contractors and those doing work for the council to adopt the same principle.’

(2) Councillor Holmes to move, Councillor Ingall to second:

‘This Council reaffirms its support of the ‘Wild Derby’ project and acknowledges it is a valued service that, despite its modest budget, carries out excellent work, via its single member of staff and hundreds of volunteers across the city.

Wild Derby’s funding was protected in 2010/11 and 2012/13 by the previous Conservative-led administration, with all three political groups voting in favour of a motion to support the project brought to Council in January 2011.

Therefore, the Council asks Cabinet to protect the modest funding for Wild Derby that is currently being proposed for termination as part of the Labour administration’s 2013/14 budget proposals.’

(3) Councillor Wood to move, Councillor Ingall to second:

‘Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods to reject any proposal to charge Blue badge holders for parking in City Council – run car parks.’

(4) Councillor Ingall to move, Councillor Bailey to second:

‘Council agrees that a formal procedure is put into place, to ensure DCC Highways Department, and/or other relevant department, carry out consultation, in advance, with Members, regarding infrastructure or utility works scheduled that have the potential to significantly impact upon local residents in their ward, for a period of a month or more.’

(5) Councillor Carr to move, Councillor Ashburner to second:

This Council opposes the proposal by the Labour administration, to charge for the collection of the Brown Bin.’

- (6) Councillor Poulter to move, Councillor Hickson to second:

Council acknowledges that in recent years, Derby has been recognised as one of the best performing cities for recycling rates. This success is due to the efforts of households across Derby, embracing kerbside recycling collections in return for the Council Tax that they pay.

The Labour administration's recent announcement, that a £40 charge is proposed for brown bin collections would, if implemented, have a hugely detrimental effect on Derby's recycling rates. It would also increase fly tipping and require the increased use of land fill at significant cost to local tax payers, along with a significant level of administration and enforcement.

With Council tax proposed to be increased by the maximum level allowed, before the need to hold a public referendum and when taking into account this extra charge, for a service already funded by Council tax, householders in Derby face what equates to an increase of around 5%.

Council believes that proposals for a brown bin collection charge are wholly unacceptable and will place a significant financial burden on households, at a time when they can least afford it and therefore calls for the implementation of the charge to be ruled out by the Labour administration.'

- (7) Councillor Poulter to move, Councillor Harwood to second:

Council welcomes and supports the local 'Clean up Derby Campaign', which seeks, in conjunction with DCC's own 'Take Pride in your Street' initiative, to improve littered neighbourhoods across the City.

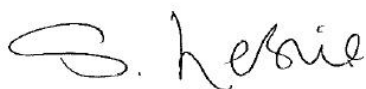
Communities across the City should be encouraged to have pride in their neighbourhood and be supported in taking responsibility for their local environment.

Therefore Council pledges to:

- Work to ensure that our city remains attractive, clean and welcoming to residents and visitors at all times
- Maintain the capacity to respond to these issues and provide excellent public services, by ensuring appropriate levels of cleansing staff, inspections and grounds maintenance staff, together with regular use of mechanical sweeping
- Support the 'Take Pride in your Street' initiative, by the use of seasonal planting and baskets, to enhance the appearance of our city's streets and parks.'

- (8) Councillor Holmes to move, Councillor Poulter to second:

Council agrees that measures should be put into place that protect council services from being deliberately disrupted or temporarily ceased by decision of a Cabinet member, due to anything other than operational/safety reasons or in dealing with an emergency.'

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Leslie'.

Stuart Leslie
Director of Legal and Democratic Services