

Council Wednesday 16 September 2015 at 6pm

Council Chamber, Council House Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS

Members:

The Mayor, Councillor Paul Pegg, and Councillors Afzal, Ashburner, Banwait, Barker, Bayliss, Bolton, Care, Carr, Dhindsa, Eldret, Froggatt, Graves, Grimadell, Harwood, Hassell, Hezelgrave, Hickson, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Jones, Keith, J Khan, S Khan, MacDonald, Martin, Naitta, Nawaz, Poulter, Raju, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Stanton, Tittley, Turner, Webb, West, Whitby, Williams, Winter, Wood and Wright.

Agenda

1. **Apologies**

2. Declarations of interest **Attached**

3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 22 July 2015 Attached

- 4. Announcements from the Mayor
- 5. Statements from members of the Council Cabinet
- 6. Questions from the public to members of the Council Cabinet

From	То	Subject
Dorothy Skrytek	Councillor Afzal	Sinfin waste treatment facility - costs
Rob Cooper	Councillor Rawson	Mackworth District Centre renewal
Simon Bacon	Councillor Rawson	Sinfin Tannery site
Dorothy Skrytek	Councillor Afzal	Sinfin waste treatment facility – night working
Simon Bacon	Councillor Rawson	Household Waste Recycling Act

7. Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes

8. Questions from non-Council Cabinet members

9. Annual Report of the Standards Committee – 2014/15

10. Appointments to Derby City Charity

11.

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None

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

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- 11. Appointment to the post of Section 151 Officer
- 12. Notice of Motion: Government consultation on election fraud

Moved by Councillor Ashburner, seconded by Councillor Carr

This Council welcomes the government's consultation into election fraud across Britain. Derby City Council encourages people to submit any concerns they have to the government and will issue a press release to include the contact details for the consultation to encourage people in Derby and beyond to respond to this opportunity.

13. Notice of Motion: Cuts to adult education and training

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hussain

Council is deeply concerned by recently announced cuts to the Adult Skills Budget and in particular the withdrawal of funding for ESOL Plus (English to Speakers of Other Languages) courses.

The damaging impact of this decision will be felt across a range of public services with ESOL representing a fundamental tool in supporting as many people as possible into work and away from dependence on state benefits.

Council believes that these changes will drive more people towards unemployment and penalise those seeking to better their own circumstances. Moreover, ESOL courses support high-level foreign professionals coming to the UK who have vital skills and experience to offer employers but who are not fluent in English.

Council feels that it is unrealistic to expect colleges and learning providers to deliver ESOL classes without the appropriate funding. Council further notes that this latest round of cuts will take effect immediately at a time when places have been offered and resources are already in place for the next academic year.

Council further accepts that a common language is essential if challenges such as isolation and extremism are to be overcome. The removal of support for ESOL will inevitably have a damaging impact on Derby's most deprived areas.

Council calls on the opposition to support the Fair Deal for Derby campaign to ensure that all residents, regardless of their background, are able to gain work, access services and contribute to society.

Council moves that the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills lobby the Government to reconsider this damaging decision and work with Further Education institutions in Derby to identify alternative means of provision.

14. Notice of Motion: Trade Union Bill

Moved by Councillor Tittley, seconded by Councillor Banwait

Council rejects the Government's repeated attempts to undermine public sector employer/employee relations via the underhand mechanisms contained within the Trade Union Bill.

Council notes that the Trade Union Bill includes measures to prevent public sector employers deducting union subscriptions from the payroll and seeks to control the amount of money public bodies can invest in collective bargaining and representation in the workplace.

Perhaps most shockingly, the Government is planning to take powers that will allow Ministers to revise contracts of employment and collective agreements that have been negotiated between public authorities, their staff and unions.

Council therefore moves that the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and Fair Employment lead a local campaign opposing these draconian measures and reinforcing the invaluable role of trade unions in the public sector.

Janie Berry
Director of Governance

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