

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 6.40 pm

COUNCIL MEETING 17 JULY 2013

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Hussain) (in the Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Allen, Ashburner, Bailey, Barker, Bayliss, Bolton, Campbell, Carr, Davis, Dhindsa, Harwood, Hickson, Higginbottom, Hillier, Holmes, Ingall, Jackson, Jennings, Keith, J Khan, S Khan, MacDonald, Martin, Naitta, Nawaz, Pegg, Poulter, Radford, Rawson, Redfern, Roberts, Russell, Shanker, Skelton, Stanton, Tittley, Troup, Turner, Webb, Whitby, Williams, F Winter, L Winter, Wood.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Atwal, Banwait, Jones, Repton and Sandhu

20/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

21/13 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council, held on 22 May 2013, be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

22/13 Announcements by the Mayor

The Mayor reported that since the last meeting Council had won a number of awards, some of which were displayed in the chamber.

The awards won were:

- two Municipal Journal Awards
- a 'Green Apple' award to acknowledge the environmental credentials of the Council House
- a 'Credability Award' for the facilities of the Council House in meeting the needs of disabled people
and
- a 'Purple Flag' award for the quality of the night-time economy.

23/13 Statements by Members of the Council Cabinet

There were no statements

24/13 Public Questions

A full list of questions and prepared responses had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting and each questioner was asked in turn if they had a supplementary question arising from the written response. Questions from members of the public were put as follows:

1. By Simon Bacon – concerning Waste Recycling, answered by Councillor Bayliss, Leader of the Council.
2. By Simon Bacon – concerning Sinfen Waste Treatment Plant, answered by Councillor Bayliss, Leader of the Council.

25/13 Written Questions about the Business or Functions of Derbyshire Fire Authority and Derby Homes Ltd

There were no written questions about the business or functions of Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes Ltd.

26/13 Written Questions from Non Council Cabinet Members

Written questions from Non Council Cabinet Members to Members of the Council Cabinet or Committee Chairs were asked as follows:

1. By Councillor Ingall – concerning Sinfen Community Centre, answered by Councillor Bayliss, Leader of the Council
2. By Councillor Higginbottom – concerning Younger Adults Safeguarding, answered by Councillor Tittley, Council Cabinet Member for Adults and Health
3. By Councillor Williams – concerning Youth Homelessness, answered by Councillor Tittley, Council Cabinet Member for Adults and Health

27/13 Minutes and Recommendations of the Council Cabinet

The Council considered the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet of 12 June 2013 and 10 July 2013 requiring approval of the Council. There were none

from the meeting of 12 June 2013, and one from the meeting of 10 July 2013, namely:

33/13 Capital Out-turn 2012/13

Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 10 July 2013.

28/13 Annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Boards for 2012/13

The Council considered a report of the Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny and Climate Change Board, summarising the work and achievements of the Overview and Scrutiny Boards that had deliberated during the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Tittley and seconded, to receive the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Boards 2012/13.

29/13 Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2012/13

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director of Resources, summarising the work of the Standards Board during the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Tittley and seconded, to receive the Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2012/13.

30/13 Creation of a Disputes Resolution Committee

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director of Resources, concerning the need to establish a Disputes Resolution Committee, with membership that was exclusive to those already appointed to the Personnel Committee, to avoid any conflicts of interest.

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Bayliss and seconded:

- 1. to dissolve the Disputes Resolution Sub Committee created by Council on 23 May 2012.**
- 2. to create a Disputes Resolution Committee to consider any disputes over terms and conditions of employment, to be composed of five members comprising three Labour, one Conservative and one Liberal Democrat, not including members of the Personnel Committee.**
- 3. that the Labour appointees to the committee be Councillors Bolton, J Khan and Whitby; the Conservative nominee be Councillor Harwood and to note that there was no Liberal Democrat nominee.**

31/13 Urgent Non-Executive Decisions made by the Chief Executive

Council considered a report of the Strategic Director of Resources, detailing non-executive decisions taken by the Chief Executive, relating to:

1. alterations to appointments to Overview and Scrutiny Boards
2. the appointment of Councillor Afzal, in place of Councillor Stanton, to the Environment Agency, Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Bayliss and seconded to note the report.

32/13 Notices of Motion

- 1) *Pay Day Loans*

Resolved on the motion of Councillor Russell and seconded that:

‘Council is concerned that pay day loans are detrimental to the health and economic wellbeing of the most vulnerable people of Derby.

Council notes that pay day loan companies benefit from the economic misfortune of vulnerable people, at a time when Government cuts have resulted in more residents being placed into financial hardship. Council considers there is a need for stricter controls on this form of lending and that much more stringent rules regulating these pay day lenders are required.

Council recognises that credit unions offer a safer alternative to pay day loans.

Council therefore resolves:

- 1 **to promote credit unions as a safer provider of suitable loans to those in financial hardship**
- and**
- 2 **to lobby Government for stricter controls over pay day loan companies including stricter regulations of advertising;**

Mayor