



**Council**  
**Wednesday 28 February 2024**

The Council House,  
Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS  
at 6:00pm

**NOTE FOR THE PUBLIC:** Members of the public are advised to watch proceedings via the Derby City Council [YouTube channel](#). Seating is available in the Council Chamber for those wishing to attend in person and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Members:**

The Mayor, Councillor Alan Graves and Councillors Amin, Ashby, Atwal, Bolton, Bonser, Care, Chambers, Dhindsa, Evans, Eyre, Fowke, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, C Ingall, P Ingall, Kaur, J Khan, S Khan, Kozlowski, Kus, Lakin, Lindsey, Lonsdale, Martin, Morgan-McGeehan, Mulhall, Nawaz, Onuoha, Pandey, Pattison, Pearce, Peatfield, Potter, Poulter, Prosser, Rawson, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Smale, Swan, Trehwella, Whitby, Wilson, C Wright and J Wright.

## Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest **Attached**
3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 17 January 2024 **Attached**
4. Announcements from the Mayor
5. Statements from members of the Council Cabinet
6. Questions from the Public

	Questioner	Respondent	Summary
A	James Mathers	Cllr Swan	Eastwood Drive road safety concerns
B	Simon Bacon	Cllr Shanker	Waste Treatment Centre CO2 emissions
C	Simon Bacon	Cllr Shanker	Waste Treatment Centre procurement timeframe

7. Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes
8. Questions from non-Council Cabinet members
9. Minute extract 141-23 of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 14 February 2024 (Medium Term Financial Plan 2024-25 – 2026-27 (Revenue Budget, Capital Budget, Dedicated Schools Grant, Reserves and Capital Strategy)) **Attached**

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| 10. | Council Tax Setting 2024-25   | <b>Attached</b> |
| 11. | Pay Policy Statement 2024-25  | <b>Attached</b> |
| 12. | Councillors' Allowances Scheme 2024-25  | <b>Attached</b> |
| 13. | Appointment of Members to the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) | <b>Attached</b> |

14. **Notice of motion: Honorary Freedom of the City of Derby**

Moved by Councillor P Ingall, seconded by Councillor Shanker

*Council proposes that Steve Kirk be awarded Honorary Freedom of the City of Derby under powers reserved to it by Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.*

*Council notes the exceptional charitable fundraising undertaken by Mr Kirk, who has raised over £120,000 for the Royal British Legion. As landlord of The Neptune, he has raised more money for the annual poppy appeal than any other public house in the UK. In 2023 alone, he collected £17.6k.*

*Over the course of 15 years, Mr Kirk has coordinated charitable events and initiatives involving hundreds of volunteers and including several impressive feats of endurance. Notable achievements include rowing 15 miles between Shardlow and Willington, as well as walking a distance equivalent of Derby to Glasgow in just one month.*

*During his 27 years behind the bar at the Neptune the pub has become closely associated with Derby County and renowned for its friendly atmosphere, particularly on Christmas Day when it stays open to serve hot meals. Moreover, Steve has dedicated his time to many other causes and initiatives, including volunteering for the NHS at the Derby Arena, when it was used a vaccination centre during the Covid-19 pandemic.*

*Council commends Steve Kirk for his dedication and commitment to his chosen charities, as well as for the role he has played at the heart of Derby's community over many years.*

*Council resolves to request that the Mayor convene an extraordinary meeting for the matter to be determined.*

15. **Notice of motion: Recognition of Ernest Townsend**

Moved by Councillor Graves, seconded by Councillor Fowke

*Council recognises the contribution of local artist Ernest Townsend to Derby.*

*Council notes Townsend's many artistic achievements, which included a*

*1915 portrait of Winston Churchill as First Lord of the Admiralty that now hangs in the National Liberal Club. Having studied at the Royal Academy he became a member of the Derby Sketching Club and was often commissioned to paint prominent members of local society. Several of his portraits of former Mayors can still be seen displayed in the civic suite in the Council House today.*

*However, he is particularly remembered for his efforts to protect Rolls-Royce's Nightingale Road works from German bombing raids during the Second World War. Through a series of scale models and experiments with different types of paint effects, Townsend meticulously established the best way to blend the factory roof with the surrounding housing estate. In doing so, he protected the factory and its workers as it designed and manufactured the Merlin aircraft engines that would prove vital to the British war effort. He would be commissioned for several similar schemes across Britain, before his death in 1944 – in maintaining the secrecy of his work, he did not receive the recognition that his efforts deserved during his lifetime.*

*Council commends Ernest Townsend for his achievements both as an artist and to the nation and resolves to rename the Council Chamber in his honour.*



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