

Time commenced - 11.00am
Time adjourned - 12.01pm
Time reconvened - 6.00pm
Time finished - 6.41pm

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 20 MAY 2015

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

1/15 Election of Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Shanker, and seconded, that Councillor Paul Pegg be elected Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

Resolved that Councillor Paul Pegg be elected Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

Councillor Pegg made the declaration of acceptance of office and occupied the chair.

2/15 Election of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor Bayliss, and seconded, that Councillor Tittley be elected Deputy Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

Resolved that Councillor Tittley be elected Deputy Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

Councillor Pegg then made the declaration of acceptance of office.

3/15 Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Repton, that the thanks of this Council be given to Councillor Shiraz Khan, for the zeal, impartiality and ability with which he has discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor of the City for the past year.

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Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Repton, that the thanks of this Council be given to Councillor Shiraz Khan, for the zeal, impartiality and ability with which he has discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor of the City for the past year.

4/15 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carr, Hassall, Turner and Wright.

5/15 Appointment of Pinder and Tenter

Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor that the Markets Officer be appointed Pinder and Tenter for the ensuing year.

6/15 Adjournment of Meeting

Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor that the Council now adjourn until 6pm today in the Council Chamber, The Council House, Derby.

The Council adjourned at 12.01pm and reconvened in the Council Chamber, The Council House, Derby at 6pm on 20 May 2015.

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

7/15 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Turner.

8/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

9/15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 4 March 2015 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

10/15 Announcements from the Mayor

The Mayor reported that Derby Museums had received £9.38m earmarked funding for the Derby Silk Mill – Museum of Making Project. The members were told that the project, which would lead to the redevelopment of the Silk Mill, would cost £16.4m in total, and that the council had already committed £4m to the scheme.

11/15 Announcement of Council Cabinet

In accordance with the 'Strong Leader' arrangements, the Leader of the Council announced the following appointments to Council Cabinet for 2015-6.

Cabinet Member for Strategy and Policy – Councillor Ranjit Banwait
Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services – Councillor Baggy Shanker
Cabinet Member for Cohesion and Integration – Councillor Asaf Afzal
Cabinet Member for Urban Renewal – Councillor Fareed Hussain

Cabinet Member for Communities and City Centre Regeneration – Councillor Martin Rawson
Cabinet Member for Safeguarding and CYP – Councillor Sara Bolton
Cabinet Member for Education and Skills – Councillor Sarah Russell
Cabinet Member for Jobs and Fair Employment – Councillor Lisa Eldret
Cabinet Member for Integrated Health and Care – Councillor Martin Repton

12/15 Schedule of Meetings for 2015/6

The Council considered a Schedule of Meetings for 2015/6. The Mayor informed members of one change to the published schedule, with the proposed Corporate Parenting Committee scheduled to meet on 28 July 2015 rather than 21 July 2015.

Resolved to approve the Schedule of Meetings 2015/16.

13/15 Constitutional Amendments

The Council considered a report from the Monitoring Officer on proposed changes to committee arrangements.

Resolved to approve:

- 1) Changes in relation to overview and scrutiny arrangements, including**
 - a. The establishment of a Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board, to meet monthly, with an enhanced role in pre-scrutinising Council Cabinet reports; and**
 - b. The establishment of separate overview and scrutiny review boards to be focused on policy development and topic review work;**
- 2) The establishment of a stand-alone Corporate Parenting Committee; and**
- 3) The establishment of a single Licensing Committee, to take on the responsibilities of the previous General Licensing Committee and Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee, including their sub-committees.**

14/15 Suspension of Constitutional Rule CP89(a)

The Council considered a report from the Monitoring Officer in respect of retaining existing appointments to two committees, contrary to Constitutional Rule CP89(a), in anticipation of Council considering, at its meeting on 22 July 2015, changed procedures in relation to the investigation of senior officers under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

Resolved to suspend Rule CP89(a) of the Council Constitution specifically and exclusively in relation to the appointment of members to the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee and Disciplinary Appeals Committee, as agreed by Council on 17 September 2014.

15/15 Constitutional Appointments 2015/6

Members considered a schedule of Constitutional Appointments for the 2015/6 municipal year.

It was moved by Councillor Barker, and seconded, that the appointments to the Licensing Committee be appended by the addition of a further Conservative member, in consideration of any advice from officers in relation to Widdicombe Rules, to ensure the workload be shared more widely. It was confirmed that such a change would not impact on the overall Widdicombe balance of committees to such an extent that there would be a disproportionate membership.

The amendment was approved.

To approve the Constitutional Appointments, subject to the addition of a further Conservative member on the Licensing Committee, in consideration of any advice from officers in relation to Widdicombe Rules, to ensure the workload be shared more widely.

16/15 Neighbourhood Chairs

Members' considered a schedule of Neighbourhood Chairs for the 2015/16 municipal year, alongside a motion that those councillors not elected as Neighbourhood Chair would act as Co-Vice Chairs.

The Neighbourhood Chair position in one ward, Blagreaves, received multiple nominations, being Councillors Naitta and Raju. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Raju was elected.

Resolved to appoint the following councillors as Neighbourhood Chairs for the 2015/16 municipal year, and to agree that other councillors in that ward would be appointed as Co-Vice Chairs:

- **Abbey – Councillor Russell**
- **Allestree – Councillor Hassall**
- **Alvaston – Councillor Tittley**
- **Arboretum – Councillor Nawaz**
- **Blagreaves – Councillor Raju**
- **Boulton – Councillor Martin**
- **Chaddesden – Councillor Bolton**
- **Chellaston – Councillor Grimadell**
- **Darley – Councillor Stanton**
- **Derwent – Councillor Redfern**
- **Littleover – Councillor Ashburner**
- **Mackworth – Councillor Pegg**
- **Mickleover – Councillor A Holmes**
- **Normanton – Councillor Dhindsa**
- **Oakwood – Councillor Harwood**
- **Sinfin – Councillor Shanker**
- **Spondon – Councillor Williams**

17/15 Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities

Members' considered a schedule of appointments to outside bodies and charities for the 2015/6 municipal year.

The Mayor sought a nomination for a member to sit on Derby Skillbuild. One nomination was received, being Councillor Russell. The Mayor stated that multiple nominations had been received for the position on the War Memorial Committee. Councillor Ingall withdrew his nomination, thus leaving Councillor Grimadell as the sole nominee. The Mayor stated that he did not intend to seek nominations for the vacancy on the Elizabeth Turner Charity in anticipation of rearrangements to that charity's constitution which may render any such appointment unnecessary.

Resolved to approve the Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities, subject to the addition of Councillor Russell as appointee to Derby Skillbuild on confirmation of Councillor Grimadell as appointee to the War Memorial Committee.

18/15 Attendance at Annual Conferences

The Council considered a schedule of attendances at annual conferences for the 2015/6 municipal year.

Resolved to approve attendances at annual conferences for the 2015/6 municipal year.

19/15 Minutes of Council Cabinet

The Council considered the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 15 April 2015, requiring the approval of the Council, being;

- 197/14 Derby Regional Growth Fund Programme
- 208/14 Derby After Dark – Lighting Strategy for city centre
- 212/14 Planned Property Maintenance Work Programme 2015/6

210/13 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters – Treasury Management Strategy

It was moved by Councillor Banwait, and seconded, to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 15 April 2015.

Resolved to approve the minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet, dated 15 April 2015.

20/15 Scrutiny response to 'fracking' referral by Council

The Council considered a report from the Chair of the Regeneration and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Board (of the 2014/5 municipal year) responding to a referral made by Council on 11 June 2014.

The recommendations were moved by Councillor Stanton, and seconded.

Resolved:

1. That any further review on fracking in Derby be kept on hold until the Secretary of State clarified the definition of "protected areas" and the Scottish Government has completed the full public health impact assessment and public consultation on unconventional oil and gas extraction; and

- 2. That the best approach for the council to input into policy relating to fracking (shale gas/hydrocarbon extraction) would be through the Joint Minerals Plan and consultation papers being prepared as part of the development of the plan.**

22/15 Notice of Motion

It was moved by Councillor Banwait, and seconded, that:

Council notes the additional workload that has been taken on by the Personnel Committee during 2014/5. Pressures have mounted as a result of the ongoing staffing savings the council must find, as well as continued work to bring the Pay and Reward programme to a satisfactory conclusion.

Council notes that Personnel Committee, having been scheduled as a bi-monthly meeting, has been convened monthly since October in addition to numerous pre-meetings and briefings in which the Chair has had to be involved. It is anticipated that this workload will continue.

Council resolves that the Chair of Personnel Committee position shall be entitled to a responsibility allowance of equivalent value to that paid to the Chair of Audit and Accounts Committee, that being the lowest such allowance paid to any Chair, in recognition of this extra workload.

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MAYOR