Time commenced - 18.04 Time finished - 20:48

COUNCIL 22 July 2020

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Frank Harwood, and Councillors Ashburner, Atwal, Barker, Bettany, Carr, Care, Cooper, Dhindsa, Eldret, Evans, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, Hussain, Ingall, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Marshall, McCristal, Naitta, Nawaz, Pattison, Pearce, Peatfield, A Pegg, P Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Repton, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Stanton, Testro, Webb, West, Williams, Willoughby and Wood.

20/20 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Anderson.

21/20 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Shanker, Willoughby and Bettany each declared that they held a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to minute 29/20, as they were employed in the aerospace industry.

The Monitoring Officer advised councillors that they should leave the remote meeting at the point at which the item of business was considered.

Councillors Webb and Care declared that they held private interest in relation to minute 29/20, as either they or their spouse were formerly employed in the aerospace industry and were in receipt of a company pension.

22/20 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 24 June 2020 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

23/20 Announcements from the Mayor

The Mayor welcomed councillors to the meeting and dealt with a number of housekeeping matters.

It was noted that owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Council meeting was being held remotely via Skype for Business and that members of the public were able to view the meeting online via the Derby City Council YouTube channel.

The Mayor reported that he had recently attended the online installation service of the Very Reverend Doctor Peter Robinson as the Dean of Derby Cathedral, welcoming him to the city and wishing him well in his new role. The Mayor also placed on record his thanks to Reverend Canon Dr Elizabeth Thomson for her service as Acting Dean since October 2019.

The passing of Dr Joan D'Arcy, a long-standing member of the Conservation Area Advisory Committee, was reported to Council. Councillors Repton, Carr, Wood and Skelton shared their recollections of Dr D'Arcy, and a minute's silence was held out of respect.

24/20 Statements from members of the Council Cabinet

There were none.

25/20 Questions from the public

Questions and responses were heard as follows:

Questioner	Respondent	Summary
Charles Bridges	Councillor M Holmes	Managing projects
Adrian Howlett	Councillor M Holmes	A38 Derby junction development
Reg Hand	Councillor M Holmes	Planting of trees

26/20 Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes

There were none.

27/20 Questions from non-Council Cabinet members

Questions and answers were put and responded to as follows:

Questioner	Respondent	Summary
Councillor Repton	Councillor M Holmes	Assembly Rooms costs
Councillor Lind	Councillor M Holmes	Covid-19 emergency transport measures
Councillor Willoughby	Councillor Roulstone	Impact of Covid-19 on Council finances
Councillor Care	Councillor Webb	Vitamin D levels
Councillor Cooper	Councillor Smale	Working practices in Derby
Councillor Hezelgrave	Councillor Williams	Children returning to school and college
Councillor P Pegg	Councillor Smale	New crematorium
Councillor Hussain	Councillor Webb	Covid-19 in Derby care homes
Councillor Shanker	Councillor Barker	Electoral cycle consultation
Councillor Peatfield	Councillor M Holmes	Becketwell Arena
Councillor Naitta		
Councillor Naitta	Councillor Wood	Moorways Swimming Pool
Councillor McCristal	Councillor Atwal	Roadside checks
Councillor Lind	Councillor Webb	Bonsall View
Councillor Willoughby	Councillor Roulstone	Demolition of Assembly Rooms car park

Councillor Care Councillor Webb	Houses in Multiple Occupation
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28/20 Minute extract 06/20 of the Standards Committee meeting held on 7 July 2020

The Mayor introduced a minute extract from the Standards Committee meeting held on 7 July 2020, recommending amendments to the procedures for the assessment and review of allegations of breaches of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, which required approval by Council.

It was moved by Councillor S Khan, and seconded by Councillor Atwal, that minute 06/20 of the Standards Committee be approved.

Resolved to approve minute 06/20 of the Standards Committee.

29/20 Motion: Support for the aerospace industry

Councillors Bettany, Shanker and Willoughby left the meeting at this point.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Skelton, and seconded by Councillor Naitta:

Derby City Council acknowledges the key role played by the Aerospace Industry in the local Derby economy and community, in particular the important contribution that Rolls-Royce and its supply chain has had for the last 120 years. The company, whose name is synonymous with world-beating quality, has helped put Derby on the global map.

The Council is all too aware that the current and continuing global Covid-19 pandemic has hit Rolls-Royce, and the whole aviation sector, hard. The 'locking down' of countries, and few aircraft flying, has resulted in an immediate dramatic reduction to Rolls-Royce's income which is heavily dependent on 'power by the hour' agreements.

These aerospace companies currently find themselves in the difficult position of having to make a large number of job reductions for this highly skilled workforce, and the impact that this will have on the overall Derby economy and the personal livelihoods of people across Derby and beyond.

Council notes with regret that the UK government has provided no specifically targeted assistance package for this key industry to survive the coronavirus crisis. This is in contrast to the governments in France, Germany and Spain that have all taken steps to secure the future of their aerospace and aviation industries.

As post-Covid recovery plans are put in place both locally and nationally, Derby City Council believes that the importance of Rolls-Royce and the wider aviation sector to the United Kingdom is such that the sector deserves special support from the Government. Mainstream support, such as access to furlough and ability to bid for recovery funding is welcomed, but does not provide the reassurance and direct help which is needed now. Without support, the teams of skilled and experienced people, vital to design, manufacture and build future generations of aeroengines, will disperse into other areas and sectors, making it very difficult – and more expensive – to rebuild this capability in future.

Derby City Council therefore calls on the Government to provide the sort of specialist sector support for the UK Aerospace industry, including companies such as Rolls-Royce, Incora, and their supply chains that other countries are doing for their aviation sectors.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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30/20 Motion: Racial and social injustice

Councillors Bettany, Shanker and Willoughby returned to the meeting at this point. Under Council Procedure Rule CP53, Councillor Atwal requested that he amend the motion of which he had given notice by the addition of '#blacklivesmatter' at its conclusion. The approval of the meeting was signified without discussion.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Atwal, and seconded by Councillor Skelton:

Council stands in solidarity with black communities in the UK, USA and around the world. We know we are living through a moment in history where our values are challenged, and Derby City Council stands on the side of racial and social justice.

In the UK 26% of instances of police using firearms are against black people, despite black people making up only 3.3% of the population. 51% of young men in custody in the UK are from black, Asian or minority ethnic backgrounds, despite these groups making up only 14% of the UK population.

Here in Derby, the Council will:

- Adopt an actively anti-racist outlook within areas we have influence, by routinely calling for transparent reporting and monitoring of the impact of these organisations on the BAME community: for example, continuing to request reporting on the BAME pay gap.
- Scrutinise and act on any available information about the impact of the Covid pandemic on BAME communities in Derby.
- Ensure staff at all levels of the council and councillors complete the training about the dangers of unconscious bias.
- Work with all relevant local campaign groups to develop policies to inform our work with the BAME community in Derby.

#blacklivesmatter

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31/20 Motion: Derby City Campus

The following motion was moved by Councillor Shanker, and seconded by Councillor Hezelgrave:

Amongst the many, complex challenges we have all been dealing with over the last few months, the impact on our children's education must be towards the top. We are aware, schools and colleges have been doing everything they can to provide learning for Derby's students and as they look to plan for a full reopening of schools in September, we must, as a city help.

We must immerse our young people in the rich culture, heritage and opportunities Derby has to offer them; We want to bring the city's main organisations and venues together to explore how we could open up our facilities, to provide space and experiences for schools to use during the Autumn Term, so that they can guarantee safe and stimulating learning facilities for as many of our children as possible.

Council agrees to support the "Derby City Campus" initiative and work with Schools and Organisations to make this as successful as possible, for example, by helping to broker logistics, arrange transportation plans if required and support in the generation of risk assessments.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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example, by helping to broker logistics, arrange transportation plans if required and support in the generation of risk assessments. 32/20 Motion: Climate change and carbon emissions

The following motion was moved by Councillor Peatfield, and seconded by Councillor Care:

Council acknowledges and welcomes the introduction of the climate emergency as a part of the city-wide approach to recovery. However, we recognise that climate change cannot be allowed to be downgraded or put to the back of a list of priorities.

Council notes that 14 months after Derby City Council declared a Climate Emergency, we are yet to see any significant action as a result of this declaration.

Council also recognises that it must lead the city by example in matters of climate emergency. While we only contribute an estimated 2 per cent of the total carbon output in the city, we cannot expect other establishments to change until we do.

To this end, Council moves to:

- 1) Put carbon saving on a par with budget savings.
- 2) Submit departmental carbon reduction quarterly internal reports and an annual external report.
- 3) Introduce a Climate Implications section in the standard report template no later than 30th September 2020. The Climate Implications section will assess the impact the decision taken will have on carbon output and climate impact. The Climate Implications section should include but be not limited to;
 - a) Unmitigated carbon footprint consequences
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It was moved by Councillor M Holmes, and seconded by Councillor Potter, that the motion be amended by the deletion of the word 'to' in the penultimate paragraph and the addition of the following sentence in its place:

"that the following are taken to the Climate Change Working Partnership for consideration / adoption as part of Derby's green recovery and de-carbonisation agenda:"

The amendment was put to the vote and lost.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

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