EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 20 AUGUST 2008

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Jackson) (In the Chair) Councillors Allen, Banwait, Batey, Baxter, Bayliss, Berry, Bolton, Care, Carr, Chera, Dhindsa, Ginns, Graves, Grimadell, Harwood, Higginbottom, Hird, Holmes, Ingall, Jennings, Keane, F Khan, Latham, Leeming, Lowe, Marshall, Mitchell, Naitta, Poulter, Rawson, Redfern, Richards, Shanker, Troup, Tuplin, Turner, Webb, Williams, Williamson, Willoughby, Winter, Wood.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hickson, Jones, R Khan, Nath, Repton, Roberts and Skelton

Declarations of Interest - Minute No. 43/08(2)

Councillors Banwait, Baxter, Bolton, Care, Harwood, Richards, Willoughby and Wood stated, as a point of information, that, as members of the Planning Control Committee, they would not be involved in any debate or decision with regard to item 3(2) on the agenda.

Councillors Batey, Keane, Webb and Willoughby declared personal and prejudicial interests in Item 3(2) on the agenda because of their employment by Rolls Royce plc or an associated company.

Councillor Chera declared a personal interest in Item 3(2) on the agenda because his brother was employed by Rolls Royce plc.

Councillor Care declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 3(2) on the agenda because her husband was employed by Rolls Royce plc.

All of the above Members, except Councillors Chera and Wood, withdrew from the meeting during consideration of Item 3(2).

Announcements from the Mayor

The Mayor congratulated Councillors Higginbottom and Williams on being accepted as IdEA Peer Members following their participation in the recent member development programme.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Keane, the newly elected Member for Darley Ward, to his first Council meeting.

43/08 Notices of Motion

1. Council Mortgages

At the previous meeting, it had been moved by Councillor Williamson, and seconded, that Council acknowledges that the previous administration created a climate that had insulated the city from the effects of the credit crunch.

The policies the previous administration pursued brought inward investment to regenerate the city, which is in turn created jobs and prosperity for growing numbers of Derby's residents.

Council agrees that the housing market is important to the city's booming economy but is currently very fragile.

Council believes the authority should intervene in a failing mortgage market to ensure the city's economy continues to grow.

Council therefore calls on the council cabinet to investigate using the authority's access to prudential borrowing to provide mortgages to first time buyers and people under threat of repossession.

Council further agrees to write to the secretary of state to amend section 438 and schedule 16 of the 1985 Housing Act to allow local authorities to set their own interest rates.

The motion was put to the meeting and lost.

2. Site for Traveller Communities

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Shanker, that Council accepts its obligation, under Section 225 of the 2004 Housing Act to provide a suitable site to accommodate Traveller communities.

But, Council acknowledges that the proposal to establish a permanent site on Russell Street is now opposed by Rolls Royce who currently own it as well as local residents and other businesses who are concerned that it could have a negative impact on the eagerly awaited Osmaston Master Plan. Council therefore calls on the Council Cabinet to formally withdraw the planning application DER/04/08/00610 and give an undertaking that no site will be established within the Osmaston Triangle.

Council aggress that the unauthorised site on Glossop Street should be cleared at the earliest opportunity.

Council therefore calls on the Council Cabinet to establish a permanent site as soon as possible by identifying and acquiring an alternative more suitable location in public or private ownership.

3. Unofficial Car Sales

Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Bayliss, that the Council calls upon the Cabinet Member for Transportation to immediately:

- 1. introduce in consultation with the traders and residents, parking measures that prevent cars being offered for sale on Harvey Road in Alvaston and Boulton wards.
- 2. consider drafting a byelaw to prevent this occurring on Council owned or controlled land across the city.
- 3. lobby Government for a change in the law to remove this blight from the streets of our city.

Mayor