

Time commenced - 11.03am
Time adjourned - 12.23pm
Time reconvened - 3.02pm
Time finished - 4.10pm

COUNCIL

24 May 2023

Present: The Mayor, Mr Robin Wood, and Councillors Amin, Ashby, Bolton, Bonser, Care, Chambers, Dhindsa, Evans, Eyre, Fowke, Graves, 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.

1/23 Election of Mayor

The Mayor welcomed councillors and dignitaries to the meeting, before reflecting on the history and traditions associated with the annual Mayor Making Ceremony.

It was proposed by Councillor Shanker, and seconded by Councillor Dhindsa, that Councillor Balbir Sandhu be elected as Mayor of the City of Derby for the forthcoming municipal year.

It was proposed by Councillor Prosser, and seconded by Councillor Evans, that Councillor Alan Graves be elected as Mayor of the City of Derby for the forthcoming municipal year.

The proposers spoke as to the suitability of each candidate before the matter was put to the vote. It was moved by Councillor Peatfield and seconded by at least ten members that under Council Procedure Rule CP71a the votes of councillors on the appointment were noted and recorded.

For Councillor Graves: Councillors Evans, Eyre, Fowke, Graves, Hassall, A Holmes, M Holmes, C Ingall, P Ingall, Kus, Lakin, Lindsey, Morgan-McGeehan, Mulhall, Pandey, Pattison, Pearce, Potter, Poulter, Prosser, Roulstone, Smale, Trehwella, J Wright (24).

For Councillor Sandhu: Councillors Amin, Ashby, Bolton, Bonser, Chambers, Dhindsa, Hezelgrave, Kaur, J Khan, S Khan, Kozlowski, Martin, Nawaz, Onuoha, Peatfield, Rawson, Repton, Sandhu, Shanker, Swan, Whitby, Wilson and C Wright (23).

Abstentions: None (0).

Councillors Care, Hudson and Lonsdale were absent from the Council Chamber at the time of the voting.

Resolved that Councillor Alan Graves be elected Mayor of the City of Derby for 2023-24.

Councillors Amin, Ashby, Bolton, Bonser, Chambers, Dhindsa, Hezelgrave, Kaur, J Khan, S Khan, Kozlowski, Martin, Nawaz, Onuoha, Peatfield, Rawson, Repton, Sandhu, Shanker, Swan, Whitby, Wilson and C Wright left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Graves made the declaration of acceptance of office and took the chair. The Mayor then gave an acceptance speech, thanking councillors for his nomination and election.

2/23 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor requested nominations to the office of Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan-Mcgeehan, and seconded by Councillor P Ingall, that Councillor Ged Potter be elected Deputy Mayor of the City of Derby for the next municipal year.

The matter was put to the vote and Councillor Potter was duly elected.

Resolved that Councillor Ged Potter be appointed Deputy Mayor of the City of Derby for 2023-24.

Councillor Potter then made the declaration of acceptance of office. Councillors Care, Hudson and Lonsdale joined the meeting at this point.

3/23 Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

It was moved by Councillor Poulter, and seconded by Councillor Roulstone, that:

"The thanks of this Council be given to Mr Robin Wood, 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."

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved that the thanks of this Council be given to Mr Robin Wood, 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.

Following the vote, former Councillor Wood addressed the meeting, reflecting on his three terms of office as Mayor of Derby and his long career as a local councillor, having first been elected to the Council in 1979.

4/23 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Atwal.

5/23 Appointment of Pinder and Tenter

It was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded, that Mr Robbie Kerr, General Manager of Derby LIVE, be appointed Pinder and Tenter.

Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, that the General Manager of Derby LIVE be appointed Pinder and Tenter for the ensuing year.

6/23 Adjournment of Meeting

Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, that Council adjourn until 3pm in the Council Chamber, Council House, Derby.

The Council adjourned at 12:23pm, and reconvened in the Council Chamber, Council House, Derby, at 3.00pm on 24 May 2023.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Alan Graves and Councillors Amin, Ashby, 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, Trehella, Whitby, Wilson, C Wright and J Wright.

7/23 Apologies

There were none.

8/23 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

9/23 Minutes of the Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 February 2023 and the extraordinary meeting held on 21 March 2023 were moved by Councillor Pearce, and seconded by Councillor P Ingall.

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 27 February 2023 and 21 March 2023 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

10/23 Announcements from the Mayor

Councillor Graves thanked councillors for his election earlier in the day and pledged to uphold the values and traditions associated with the historic office of the Mayor of Derby.

The Mayor stated that they were looking forward to chairing meetings of the Full Council and encouraged members to conduct themselves respectfully and in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules over the course of the year.

The Mayor congratulated all newly elected councillors and thanked the Returning Officer and her team for organising the recent local elections and for facilitating the Annual General Meeting.

It was noted that updated versions of the nominations to Constitutional Committees, Outside Bodies and Neighbourhood Boards had been circulated after the publication of the agenda. Councillor Care reported that the motion of which they had previously given notice in relation to animal testing of cosmetic ingredients was to be withdrawn.

It was moved by Councillor Shanker, and seconded, that under Council Procedure Rule CP42(r) an urgent motion was considered in relation to recent media speculation that the Government had abandoned proposals to locate the headquarters of Great British Railways in Derby.

The Mayor stated that he had consented to consideration of the matter as a late item prior to the meeting and that it would be tabled following the other items on the published agenda.

11/23 Election of the Leader of the Council

It was reported that Councillor Chris Poulter had resigned as Leader of the Council. The Mayor therefore sought nominations to the vacant position.

It was moved by Councillor Peatfield, and seconded by Councillor Dhindsa, that Councillor Shanker be elected as Leader of the Council.

No further nominations were received. The matter was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved to elect Councillor Baggy Shanker as Leader of the Council.

12/23 Announcement of the Council Cabinet

It was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded, that the Leader of the Council was invited to announce their Council Cabinet. The consent of the meeting was signalled without debate.

The Council Cabinet appointments for the 2023-24 municipal year were as follows:

- Councillor Baggy Shanker - Strategy, Governance and Finance
- Councillor Nadine Peatfield - City Centre, Regeneration, Culture and Tourism
- Councillor Carmel Swan - Climate Change, Transport and Sustainability
- Councillor Paul Hezelgrave - Cost of Living, Equalities and Customer Inclusion
- Councillor Alison Martin - Integrated Health and Adult Care
- Councillor John Whitby - Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills
- Councillor Shiraz Khan - Housing, Property and Regulatory Services
- Councillor Hardyal Dhindsa - Communities and Streetpride

13/23 Schedule of Meetings for 2023/24

The Council considered a Schedule of Meetings for the forthcoming municipal year. It was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded, that the schedule be approved.

Resolved to approve the Schedule of Meetings for 2023/24.

14/23 Constitutional Appointments

A document detailing proposed constitutional appointments to Boards, Committees, Joint Bodies and Councillor Champion positions for 2023/24 was considered.

In addition to those nominations published, Councillor Morgan-McGeehan's nomination to the contested position of Disability Champion was withdrawn and nominations were moved from the floor to vacant positions as follows:

- Cllr Smale was nominated as the Children and Young Peoples' Champion
- Cllr C Wright was nominated as the Gender Champion
- Cllr Morgan-McGeehan was nominated as the Corporate Safeguarding Champion

Contested positions were put to the vote as follows:

Councillors Repton and Poulter were each nominated to be Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Poulter was elected.

Councillors Rawson and P Ingall were each nominated to be Chair of the Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Review Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor P Ingall was elected.

Councillors Nawaz and M Holmes were each nominated to be Vice Chair of the Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Review Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor M Holmes was elected.

Councillors Kozlowski and Trehwella were each nominated to be Vice Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Review Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Trehwella was elected.

Councillors Bolton and Pearce were each nominated to be Chair of the Planning Control Committee. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Pearce was elected.

Councillors J Khan and A Holmes were each nominated to be the Chair of the Licensing Committee. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor A Holmes was elected.

Councillors Wilson and Morgan-McGeehan were each nominated to be the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Morgan-McGeehan was elected.

Councillors Bonser and Evans were each nominated to be the Chair of the Personnel Committee. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Evans was elected. Councillor Bonser was subsequently nominated to the vacant position of Vice Chair of the Personnel Committee.

Councillors Dhindsa and Potter were each nominated to be the Council's constituent representative to the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Potter was elected.

Councillors Peatfield and J Wright were each nominated to act as the substitute nomination to the Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor J Wright was elected.

Following the conclusion of the outstanding nominations and voting, it was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Hassall, that the Constitutional Appointments, as amended, be approved.

Resolved to approve the Constitutional Appointments for 2023/24.

15/23 Constitutional Amendments

A report of the Monitoring Officer was considered proposing alterations to the Council Constitution arising from the change to whole Council elections and the adoption of a revised warding pattern, following the adoption of the recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

It was reported that the amendments were required to ensure that the Constitution remained accurate pending the implementation of the Constitutional Review commissioned by the Council in July 2022. It was recommended that Part 1 (Summary and Explanation) and Part 2 (Articles of the Constitution) were amended to remove reference to elections by thirds and the previous warding pattern for the Council. The report also sought to pro-rata the allocation of devolved neighbourhood funding to ensure a fair and equitable split between three and two member wards. Under the previous arrangements every ward received £15k in devolved funding per annum; the report proposed that each ward instead received £5k of funding per councillor, per annum.

The recommendations in the report were moved by Councillor Shanker and seconded by Councillor Whitby, put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To note the progress of the Constitutional Review.**
- 2. To request that the Monitoring Officer seek nominations to the Constitutional Review Working Group, following the retirement of several members at the May 2023 elections.**
- 3. To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer to make interim amendments to the Council Constitution as detailed at paragraph 4.4 of the report, to reflect recent changes to the composition of the Council.**
- 4. To request that the Council Cabinet alter the allocation of devolved neighbourhood funding to account for creation of two member-wards, as detailed at paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 of the report.**

16/23 Neighbourhood Chairs

Nominations to Neighbourhood Board Chairs for 2023/24 were considered.

Councillors Hudson and Wilson were each nominated as the Chair of the Chaddesden North Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Hudson was elected.

Councillor Pandey withdrew his earlier nomination to the position of Chair of the Mackworth and New Zealand Neighbourhood Board, leaving Councillor Whitby as the sole candidate.

It was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded, that the Neighbourhood Chairs 2023/24, as amended, be approved.

Resolved to approve the Neighbourhood Chairs for 2023/24.

17/23 Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities

A document detailing nominations to Outside Bodies and Charities for 2023/24 was considered.

The following amendments to the published nominations were proposed and seconded:

- That Councillor Nawaz's nomination to Community Action Derby be withdrawn;
- That Councillor Amin's nomination to the Derbyshire County Council Pensions and Investment Committee be withdrawn;
- That Councillor Martin was nominated to the vacant position on the Derby Dance Centre Development Board.
- That Councillor Roulstone was nominated to the vacant position as a Trustee to the Derby City Charity.

Contested positions were put to the vote as follows:

Councillors Dhindsa and Lindsey were each nominated to the Derby and District Ex Services Association. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Lindsey was elected.

Councillors Care, Evans, S Khan and Mulhall were each nominated to the Derby Homes Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillors Care, Evans and Mulhall were elected.

Councillors S Khan and Pearce were each nominated to the Derby Housing Market Area Joint Advisory Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Pearce was elected.

Councillors Care and Swan were each nominated to Derbyshire Environmental Trust Ltd. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Care was elected.

Councillors Graves and Sandhu were each nominated to the Guru Ravidass Sabha Community Centre Management Group. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Graves was elected.

The substantive document as amended was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded.

Resolved to approve the Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities for 2023/24.

18/23 Attendance at Annual Conferences

The Council considered a schedule of attendances at annual conferences for the 2023/24 municipal year. It was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded, that the schedule be approved.

Resolved to approve attendances at annual conferences for the 2023/24 municipal year.

19/23 Endorsement of the Election of Youth Mayor for 2023/24

A report of the Strategic Director of People Services was considered, detailing the election of the new Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor..

It was reported that following a citywide election process involving young people from Derby's secondary schools casting almost 11,000 ballot papers, Muhammad Muntasir had been elected as Youth Mayor and Harman Kaur as Deputy Youth Mayor. Councillors were asked to endorse these appointments and give thanks to the retiring Youth Mayor, Omar Aslam, and Deputy Youth Mayor, Gloria-Osei Bonsu.

The recommendations in the report were moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Hassall.

Resolved:

- 1. To thank Omar Aslam and Gloria Osei-Bonsu for the time they have dedicated to representing young people in Derby as Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor in 2022-23 and to invite them to address Council.**
- 2. To commend the efforts of all the candidates who participated in the Youth Mayor elections in 2023.**
- 3. To endorse the election of Muhammad Muntasir and Harman Kaur as Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor for Derby for the 2023-24 municipal year.**
- 4. To invite the newly elected Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor to make a declaration of acceptance of office before Council.**

The retiring Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor addressed Council and thanked councillors for their support, before receiving a standing ovation from those present.

The Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor then made their declaration of acceptance of office before Council. The Mayor then invited the young people to address the meeting.

20/23 Motion: Honorary Freedom of the City of Derby

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

Derby has a proud history in the sporting world. Sandy Ryan has continued that tradition by becoming WBO Welterweight Champion of the World in April this year. Our very own Commonwealth gold medallist. She is an example to all, of what discipline, perseverance and good sportsmanship can achieve. She represents the best of this city.

As Sandy adds to the long list of women that this city holds in high honour we propose that the oldest and highest honour that we have to bestow should be awarded to her.

This Council resolves to bestow the honour of Freedom of the City to Miss Sandy Ryan at a specially convened meeting of the Council, to be arranged at a mutually convenient time following this meeting.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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21/23 Motion without notice: Great British Railways

The Mayor invited Councillor Shanker to move the urgent item that they had agreed under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule CP42(r) earlier in the meeting.

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

This Council endorses the Government's rail reform proposals, including the creation of Great British Railways, and supports the development of proposals for the headquarters of Great British Railways in Derby. This follows Derby's success in the national competition to select the location of the GBR headquarters, the outcome of which was announced by the Secretary of State for Transport in March 2023.

Council notes with concern the recent national media coverage that suggested uncertainty around the relative priority of the rail reforms in the Government's future agenda. Like many residents and businesses in Derby and millions of rail users across the country, Council is alarmed to hear that the required legislation may not be in the King's Speech for the forthcoming Parliamentary session. Therefore, Council supports the Leader of the Council in writing to the Secretary of State for Transport to urge that progress on this important initiative isn't delayed and firmly request that it is legislated for by being included in the King's Speech to Parliament due shortly.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

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