

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 6.58 pm

EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING 6 OCTOBER 2008

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Jackson) (In the Chair)
Councillors Allen, Banwait, Baxter, Berry, Bolton, Care, Chera,
Dhindsa, Harwood, Hickson, Higginbottom, Holmes, Hussain,
Ingall, Jennings, Jones, Keane, F Khan, R Khan, Latham, Lowe,
Marshall, Mitchell, Nath, Poulter, Rawson, Repton, Richards,
Shanker, Skelton, Troup, Tuplin, Turner, Webb, Williams,
Williamson, Willoughby, Wood.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Batey, Bayliss, Carr, Ginns, Graves, Grimadell, Hird, Naitta, Redfern, Roberts and Winter.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Rawson, Troup and Williams declared personal and prejudicial interests in Motion 1, as members or former members of the Derwent New Deal Board, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the motion. Councillor Williamson declared a personal interest in Motion 1 as a former member of the Derwent New Deal Board.

55/08 Notices of Motion

1. Derwent New Deal

It was moved by Councillor Hickson, and seconded, that Council notes with concern the serious financial irregularities related to Derwent New Deal and the inability of the Council to be able to produce a comprehensive report, which will enable both Council Members and Government to be able to assess the scale of the financial mismanagement and fiscal losses of the New Deal, which has received in excess of £40 million of public money.

Council therefore calls on both the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in conjunction with Government Office East Midlands, to instigate a full and comprehensive public enquiry into Derwent New Deal as a

matter of urgency, so that a full picture of the losses to public funds can be uncovered.

The motion was put to the meeting and lost.

2. Relocation of Mobile Telephone Masts

It was moved by Councillor Hickson, and seconded, that Council notes with concern the extraordinary high costs to move mobile telephone masts at the former Homelands School site, which have resulted in an overall cost to this Council of £250,000 made up of capital and unsupported borrowing. Such expenditure cannot be in the interests of the Council Tax payers of this city and tighter control over contracts therefore needs to be exercised.

Council therefore calls upon the Council Cabinet to:

1. Establish a strict protocol for entering into contracts with mobile phone operators.
2. Make sure any future contracts with mobile phone operators leave room for the Council to terminate agreements at reasonable rather than punitive costs.
3. Identify any other mast removal schemes in the last five years or which are foreseen where compensation has been paid or may be paid to operators and the quantum of those costs.
4. Remove any delegated powers where they exist to agree to such expenditure in the future without the authority of the Cabinet.

The motion was put to the meeting and lost.

Mayor