

Time commenced - 6.00pm
Time finished - 10.03pm

COUNCIL – 23 NOVEMBER 2011

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

COUNCIL MINUTES - 12 September 2011 – Approved

MOTIONS

A Under CP39(d) (during Member questions) – to refer the issue of an Inclusive Preventative Older Indian Community Day Service to the appropriate Scrutiny Commission - Approved

1. To approve minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet of 18 October and 22 November

90/11 Contract and Financial Procedure Matters Report
112/11 Quarter 2 Capital Monitoring 2011/12

Approved

2. To approve minutes and recommendations of the Governance Committee of 11 November

5/11 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places
6/11 Procedure for removal of the Executive Leader
7/11 Review of Members' Allowances

Approved

3. To approve the minutes and recommendations of the Audit and Accounts Committee of 11 November

27/11 Adoption of the Corporate Prosecution Policy

Approved

4. To adopt the revised Employee Code of Conduct and to effect the resultant changes to the Council Constitution – Approved as amended to read

'To refer the revised Employee Code of Conduct to the Scrutiny Management Commission for further comment or revision, prior to it being formally adopted by Council'

5. To adopt a new model for Public and Member Questions at Council meetings and make resultant changes to Council Procedure Rules (CP11-31) – Approved

6. Designation of a Public Places Order for Mackworth – Approved

- 7 Appointment of Mr Peter Berry to 'Spondon Relief in Need' – Approved

8 NHS – Approved as amended to read

‘The NHS is one of the greatest public services in the world – free to all at the point of need. Derby residents, who rely on the NHS, and do not have access to private healthcare, have understandable concerns that the Health and Social Care Bill, proposed by the coalition Government, will break up the NHS and damage patient care. Council therefore calls on the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, to write to the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, to emphasise the need to ensure that any changes to the NHS, improve the health care offer for all of the people we represent’

9 Green Deal – Approved as amended to read

‘This Council notes:

- That British households currently spend more on heating their homes than their counterparts in Sweden, where winter temperatures are far lower
- That this means a legacy of draughty, cold homes that are expensive to heat - leaving vulnerable local residents facing serious health risks
- An over reliance on fossil fuels, leaving households and businesses exposed to soaring world energy prices
- That the previous government left office with Britain at 25th place in Europe for renewable energy generation

This Council recognizes the role played by the coalition Government in securing:

- The Warm Homes Discount, to give an extra £120 each year to the least well off pensioners in Derby to keep warm this winter
- A commitment from energy companies to help with free loft and cavity wall insulation for Derby’s poorest households
- From October 2012, the Green Deal will aim to insulate all domestic and commercial properties to high standards **at no upfront cost to consumers**

This Council resolves:

- To support the Green Deal locally, by ensuring local residents in Derby know about the opportunities and helping direct them towards providers
- To investigate how else the Council can help with supporting home insulation work – for instance by acting as a Green Deal provider itself
- To write to the Local Government Association and other appropriate national bodies with details of Derby City Council's plans to keep our residents warm and to tackle climate change
- To investigate ways that the Council can assist local residents to save money and keep warm through the provision of information and advice, including through working with partner agencies
- This Council resolves to write to the Energy Minister, Chris Huhne, urging him to continue his campaign to put pressure on the energy companies to cut soaring energy prices'

10 'Feed-in Tariff' – Approved as amended to read

'Council notes that:

- Increasing numbers of households have been installing photovoltaic (PV) panels on their roofs, meaning that a growing proportion of electricity used during the day in Derby is now zero carbon and free for the householder
- This investment has resulted in the creation of new green jobs, increasing skills in the workforce and new apprenticeships
- Where social landlords have installed PV panels, on homes for rent, the tenants are able to use the electricity generated on their home at no cost, reducing fuel poverty

Council further notes the government consultation on changes to the ' Feed in Tariff' scheme, which is helping to fund these installations and is concerned that:

- The abrupt halving of the tariff paid will make systems unaffordable to many households
- The reduction in systems being installed will result in job losses and companies folding
- 'Stop start' policy changes undermine the government's aim to create new green industry and low carbon energy supplies

- The proposal to apply a lower tariff to multi-installations will exclude further tenants from the benefits of PV installations on their homes

Council does however support the proposal to expect homes receiving Tariff payments to also meet a reasonable standard of energy efficiency.

Council therefore agrees to write to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, and relevant Ministers of State asking that:

- They announce immediately that there will be no change to the 'Feed in Tariff' rules until at least three months after the consultation period has ended, as an issue of trust in consultation
- The Tariff is reduced progressively over a longer period (say 12 to 24 months) to enable the industry and householders to adjust
- Social Housing providers are excluded from the lower tariff proposed for the multi-installations, so that more householders in fuel poverty can benefit from free electricity'

11 Suspension of Council Procedure Rules for the meeting of the Council on 15 December 2011 – Approved

12 Absence of Councillor Turner and substitutions to outside bodies – Approved



S Leslie
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

NB *The minutes of the Council Meeting to which this summary refers will be included in the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council. The summary is to inform you at the earliest possible moment of the Council's decisions on the motions submitted so that any action required may be initiated without delay.*

To: CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CHIEF OFFICERS
MH SL POB DW MKS KS RB MM KJ DW

Date: 24 November 2011