

Time commenced - 11.04am
Time adjourned - 11.52am
Time reconvened - 3.00pm
Time finished - 4.32pm

COUNCIL

25 May 2022

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Robin Wood, and Councillors Atwal, Barker, Bonser, Care, Carr, Cooper, Dhindsa, Evans, Eyre, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, C Ingall, P Ingall, Jennings, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Lindsey, Martin, Naitta, Nawaz, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Peatfield, Potter, Poulter, Prosser, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Swan, Testro, Webb, West, Whitby and Williams.

1/22 Election of Mayor

The Mayor welcomed councillors to the meeting and noted that it was the first meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber since prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

It was proposed by Councillor Williams, and seconded by Councillor Poulter, that Councillor Robin Wood be elected as Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

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

Resolved that Councillor Robin Wood be elected Mayor of the City for 2022-23.

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

2/22 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

The Mayor asked for nominations for the office of Deputy Mayor.

It was proposed by Councillor Shanker, and seconded by Councillor Peatfield, that Councillor Balbir Sandhu be elected Deputy Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

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

Resolved that Councillor Balbir Sandhu be appointed Deputy Mayor of the City for 2022-23/

Councillor Sandhu then made the declaration of acceptance of office.

3/22 Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

Councillor Wood noted that it was the second consecutive year that he had been elected to serve as Mayor of Derby, and that 2022-23 would represent his third term in the office.

Under such circumstances, Councillor Wood requested that the motion to thank the retiring Mayor be withdrawn. The consent of the meeting was signalled without debate.

4/22 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lonsdale.

5/22 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.

6/22 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 11:52am, and reconvened in the Council Chamber, Council House, Derby, at 3.00pm on 25 May 2022.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Robin Wood, and Councillors Atwal, Barker, Bonser, Care, Carr, Cooper, Dhindsa, Evans, Eyre, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, C Ingall, P Ingall, Jennings, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Lindsey, Martin, Naitta, Nawaz, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Peatfield, Potter, Poulter, Prosser, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Swan, Testro, Webb, West, Whitby and Williams.

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8/22 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

9/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2022 were moved by Councillor Barker, and seconded by Councillor Smale.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2022 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

10/22 Announcements from the Mayor

Councillor Wood thanked councillors for his re-election and wished them well for the forthcoming municipal year, noting that all councillors would be standing for re-election in May 2023.

The Mayor then welcomed newly elected members to the Council and thanked the Returning Officer for organising the recent elections.

Councillor Wood reported that several updated documents had been circulated in advance of the meeting, including amended copies of nominations to constitutional committees, outside bodies and neighbourhood boards.

The Mayor reflected on several notable achievements. It was reported that Derby City Council had recently received an Outstanding rating by OFSTED for its services to children and young people, noting that Derby was one of only three cities in the country to currently hold the rating. The Mayor thanked employees and councillors involved with the delivery and scrutiny of children's services and led the Chamber in a round of applause.

Councillor Wood also noted he had recently attended the opening of the new Moorways Sports Village, which incorporated a fifty-metre swimming pool, waterpark and learner's pool, as well as the neighbouring athletics track. The Mayor thanked those involved for delivering a world class-facility, within the agreed timescale and budget.

Before concluding, the Mayor encouraged councillors to attend events due to take place in the city over the extended weekend of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, from 2 June to 5 June 2022.

11/22 Minute extract 54/21 from the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 26 January 2022.

A minute extract of the Audit and Governance Committee was presented to Council for approval. The minute proposed alterations to the committee's terms of reference, including responsibilities to consider the adequacy of the Council's insurance portfolio and review the governance and assurance arrangements for Council owned companies and other significant partnerships.

It was moved by Councillor West and seconded by Councillor Care that the minute be approved. The recommendation was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved to approve minute 54/21 of the Audit and Governance Committee.

12/22 Minute extract 29/21 from the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 12 May 2022.

A minute extract of the Health and Wellbeing Board requiring Council approval was considered. The minute recommended alterations to the Board's terms of reference, following a series of development sessions to consider the impact of the changing

national and local health and care landscape on the work of the Board, including the creation of Integrated Care Systems.

It was moved by Councillor Webb and seconded by Councillor Poulter that the minute be approved. The recommendation was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved to approve minute 29/21 of the Audit and Governance Committee.

13/22 Election of the Leader of the Council

It was moved by Councillor Webb, and seconded by Councillor Barker, that Councillor Poulter 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 Chris Poulter as Leader of the Council.

14/22 Appointment 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 Council Cabinet appointments for the 2022-23 municipal year were as follows:

- Councillor Poulter, Leader, Strategy and Policy
- Councillor Barker, Deputy Leader, Governance
- Councillor Eyre, Place, Community Development and Tourism
- Councillor Hassall, Regeneration, Decarbonisation, Strategic Planning and Transport
- Councillor Pearce, Streetpride, Leisure and Public Places
- Councillor Smale, Finance, Digital and Culture
- Councillor Webb, Adults, Health and Housing
- Councillor Williams, Children, Young People and Skills

15/22 Schedule of Meetings for 2022/23

The Council considered a Schedule of Meetings for 2022/23.

It was moved by Councillor West, and seconded, that the schedule be amended by the deferral of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee scheduled for 28 September 2022 to 5 October 2022. The amendment was put to the vote and carried.

It was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded, that the schedule as amended be approved.

Resolved to approve the Schedule of Meetings 2022/23.

16/22 Constitutional Appointments

A document detailing proposed constitutional appointments to Boards, Committees, Joint Bodies and Member Champion positions for 2022/23 was considered.

In addition to those nominations published, Councillor Prosser was nominated to be the Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Board. It was confirmed that Councillor M Holmes be nominated to the position reserved to the Conservative Group on the Standards Committee, instead of Councillor A Holmes. The nomination for Councillor Dhindsa to the Police and Crime Panel was withdrawn.

Councillors Whitby and Roulstone were nominated to the vacant positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the Corporate Parenting Committee respectively.

Contested positions were put to the vote as follows:

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

Councillors Naitta and Evans were each nominated to be Chair of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Review Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Naitta was elected.

Councillors Whitby and Kus 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 Whitby was elected.

Councillors Dhindsa and Prosser were each nominated to be Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Review Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Dhindsa was elected.

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

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

Councillors Whitby and Lind were each nominated to be the Council's Children and Young People Champion. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Whitby was elected.

Councillors Lonsdale and Lindsey were each nominated to be the Council's Mental Health Champion. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Lonsdale was elected.

Councillors Cooper and Lindsey were each nominated to be the Council's Armed Forces Champion. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Cooper was elected.

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

Resolved to approve the Constitutional Appointments for 2022/23.

17/22 Neighbourhood Chairs

Nominations to Neighbourhood Board Chairs for 2022/23 were considered.

Councillors T Pearce, Rawson and Testro were each nominated as the Chair of the Derwent Neighbourhood Board. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor T Pearce was elected.

It was moved on the motion of the Mayor, and seconded by Councillor Eyre, that the Neighbourhood Chairs 2022/23, as amended, be approved.

Resolved to approve the Neighbourhood Chairs for 2021/22.

18/22 Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities

A document detailing nominations to Outside Bodies and Charities for 2022/23 was considered.

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

- To delegate approval to the Chief Executive to confirm Councillor Care's appointment to the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust for a three year term, subject to additional information being provided on the likely time commitment and workload required from the appointment.
- Councillor Ingall be appointed to the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust.

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 2022/23

19/22 Attendance at Annual Conferences

The Council considered a schedule of attendances at annual conferences for the 2022/23 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 2022/23 municipal year.

20/22 Endorsement of the Election of Youth Mayor for 2022-23

A report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources detailing the election of the new Youth Mayor was considered.

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

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

Resolved:

- 1. To thank Connie Spencer and Priya Gill for the time they have dedicated to representing young people in Derby as Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor over the past two years.**
- 2. To commend the efforts of all the candidates who participated in the Youth Mayor elections in 2022.**
- 3. To endorse the election of Omar Aslam and Gloria Osei Bonsu as Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor for Derby for the 2022-23 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. The Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor then made their declaration of acceptance of office before Council.

21/22 Motion: Honorary Freedom of the City of Derby

The following motion was moved by Councillor Hassall, and seconded by Councillor Smale:

The unprecedented uncertainty and challenging times that have recently been experienced by Derby County Football Club have been a worrying and troubling time for supporters and non-supporters alike.

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In a time when all of this was under threat, it has not gone unnoticed that Wayne Rooney has been steadfast in his loyalty, support and determination to ensure he and the team remain committed to both the club and fans, when others may have easily and understandably taken an easier path and parted company for a less complicated set of circumstances.

Wayne Rooney has demonstrated that his integrity, passion and unquestionable loyalty for Derby County Football Club, fans and the city is absolute and we could not

have asked for a better figurehead to champion our cause and lead in all senses of the word, during such perilous times.

To Wayne Rooney, this city gives its wholehearted thanks and in recognition of our gratitude we would like to bestow one of our oldest and highest honours to someone we are all proud to say is one of our own. Wayne Rooney you are a Ram.

Council therefore resolves to bestow the honour of Freedom of the City of Derby to Mr Wayne Rooney 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.

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22/22 Motion: Socio-Economic Duty

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

Council notes that the Socio-Economic Duty (Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010) (6) requires public bodies to adopt transparent and effective measures to address the inequalities that result from differences in occupation, education, place of residence

or social class. While the Duty has been enacted in Scotland and Wales. The United Nations has criticised the UK government for failing to activate the Duty since 2010.

Council notes that authorities in Newcastle, Southwark, Stroud and North of Tyne have signed up and Councils including in Sheffield, Preston, Glasgow, Wigan, York, Bristol & Manchester are taking action due to cutbacks and financial struggles affecting their residents.

Council recognises it has the power to make decisions that help people rather than cause more hardship and that no Council should make decisions that cause or worsen poverty and financial struggle, nor make life harder for those with the least.

Council therefore resolves to voluntarily:

- 1. Formally adopt the Socio-Economic Duty*
- 2. 'Poverty-check' decisions and policies for socio-economic impact, and how this interacts with other types of inequalities (protected characteristics e.g. race, disability, sex) including within EIAs (Equality Impact Assessments)*
- 3. Urgently develop a proactive strategy, taking meaningful action to alleviate the effects of the cost of living crisis and reduce socio-economic disadvantage, drawing upon good practice examples from other cities and consultation with diverse local community groups, unions, activists, Derby People's Assembly, Derby United Against Poverty, Derby Poverty Commission, and residents subjected to inequality by circumstance in Derby.*

It was moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Webb that the motion be amended by the deletion of the final paragraph in its entirety and the addition of the following words in its place:

"Council therefore resolves that a report is presented to Cabinet that considers the steps that can be taken to assess the impact of the community response in Derby on people who are socio-economically disadvantaged, that lessons learnt from this report be used to formulate a Council and partnership strategy that takes due consideration of socio-economic status when making strategic and policy decisions and seek to incorporate socio-economic status in Equality Impact Assessments. The formulation of the strategy should be widely consulted on including groups, partner organisations and agencies, especially those with lived experience of being socio-economically disadvantaged."

The amendment was put to the vote and lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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