

Time commenced - 6.00 pm  
Time finished - 9.50 pm

## **COUNCIL MEETING 13 JULY 2011**

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Allen) (in the Chair)  
Councillors Afzal, Ashburner, Atwal, Bailey, Barker, Bayliss, Bolton, Campbell, Carr, Davis, Dhindsa, Graves, Harwood, Hickson, Higginbottom, Hillier, Holmes, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Keith, F Khan, J Khan, S Khan, Leeming, Marshall, Naitta, Poulter, Radford, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Richards, Roberts, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Troup, Tuplin, Turner, Webb, Whitby, Williams, F Winter, L Winter, Wood.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors Banwait, Jennings and Jones.

### **25/11 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in item 6(c) as she is a non-executive Director of the PCT.

Councillors Bayliss, Keith, Redfern and Webb declared a personal interest in item 13 as they are Directors of Derby Homes.

Councillor Dhindsa declared a personal interest in item 15(1) as his wife is an employee of Bombardier.

Councillor Wood declared a personal interest in item 15(3) as he a Director of Disability Direct and Derby Community Transport.

Councillor Rawson declared a personal interest in item 15(4) as his brother is an employee of egg.

### **26/11 Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council**

**Resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council, held 25 May 2011, be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.**

### **27/11 Announcements by the Mayor**

There were no announcements.

## 28/11      Statements by Members of the Council Cabinet

Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council, made a statement on initiatives and achievements. Councillors Bayliss and Carr responded.

## 29/11      Public Questions

Questions from members of the public were asked as follows:

1. By Colin Underhill, concerning monitoring and detection of pollution, answered by Councillor Holmes, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment.
2. By Dorothy Skrytek, concerning clarification of a term, answered by Councillor Holmes, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment.
3. By Valerie Beech, but asked by the Mayor in her absence, concerning Normanton Medical Centre, answered by Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council.

At this point, it was proposed by Councillor Dhindsa and seconded that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule CP20 this issue be referred to the Adult Health and Housing Scrutiny Commission.

### **Resolved, to refer the issue of Normanton Medical Centre to the Adult Health and Housing Commission.**

4. By Andy Findlay, concerning Council Meetings, answered by Councillor Carr, Council Cabinet Member for Resources.
5. By Tony Dunn, concerning Queen's Leisure Centre Café, answered by Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council.
6. By Simon Bacon, concerning Cardboard and Paper Recycling, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.
7. By Penny De Abreu, concerning Lighting in Conservation Areas, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.
8. By Colin Underhill, concerning Darley Park Terrace, answered by Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council.
9. By Dorothy Skrytek, concerning Reducing Waste, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.

10. By Tony Dunn, concerning Queens Leisure Centre Changing Rooms, answered by Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council.
11. By Simon Bacon, concerning Landfill Tax, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.
12. By Penny De Abreu, concerning Street Lighting Contract, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.

### 30/11      Written questions about the business or functions of Derbyshire Police Authority, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority or Derby Homes Limited

There were no written questions about the business or functions of Derbyshire Police Authority, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority or Derby Homes Limited.

### 31/11      Written questions from non-Council Cabinet Members

Written questions from non-Council Cabinet Members to Members of Council Cabinet or Committee Chairs were asked as follows:

- 1      By Councillor Repton, concerning lighting in conservation areas, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.
- 2      By Councillor Naitta, concerning Oakland's Avenue Sure Start, answered by Councillor Williams, Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.
- 3      By Councillor Naitta, concerning a proposed city park, answered by Councillor Holmes, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment.
- 4      By Councillor Naitta, concerning pot holes on Stenson Road, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.
- 5      By Councillor Naitta, concerning ownership of parking spaces, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.
- 6      By Councillor F Khan, concerning pot hole repairs, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.
- 7      By Councillor F Khan, concerning the Royal Mail sorting office, answered by Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council.
- 8      By Councillor Higginbottom, concerning bus services in Mackworth, answered by Councillor Poulter, Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods.

- 9 By Councillor Hillier, concerning library opening hours, answered by Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council.
- 10 By Councillor Russell, concerning day care services, answered by Councillor Skelton, Council Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health.
- 11 By Councillor Dhindsa, concerning neighbourhood forums and boards, answered by Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council.
- 12 By Councillor L Winter, concerning seat belt policy, answered by Councillor Holmes, Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment.
- 13 By Councillor Bolton, concerning Academy status implications, answered by Councillor Williams, Council Cabinet Member for Children and Young People.
- 14 By Councillor Shanker, concerning Sinfine Lane proposals, answered by Councillor Hickson, Leader of the Council.

## 32/11 Minutes and Recommendations of the Council Cabinet

There were no minutes of the Council Cabinet meetings of 7 and 28 June 2011 that required the approval of the Council.

## 33/11 Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions

The Council considered a report of the Scrutiny Management Commission which was the annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions for 2010/11.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Carr, to receive the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions.**

## 34/11 Amendment to Council Procedure Rule CP17 – Questions by the Public at Council Meetings

Council considered a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, concerning public questions

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Hickson and seconded, to amend Council Procedure Rule 17 to read as follows:**

**‘The Mayor will invite to the questioner to put the question to the Member named in the notice. If a questioner who has submitted a written question is unable to be present, he/she may either require the Mayor to put the question on his/her behalf or nominate another person to do so. If the questioner is absent and has not required the Mayor or a nominated person to put the**

question on his/her behalf, the Mayor may indicate that a written reply will be given or decide that the question will not be dealt with.'

### 35/11      The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006

Council considered a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, detailing the requirements under the Electoral Administration Act 2006 for the Council to review all of its polling districts and polling places every four years. The report set out a time table for the review and proposed that the Governance Committee agree draft proposals, prior to submission of the final reports and recommendations to full Council on 23 November 2011.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Hickson, and seconded:**

- 1. To approve the publication of the statutory notice on Friday 22 July 2011 indicating the commencement of the 2011 review of polling districts and polling places.**
- 2. To authorise the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to carry out the statutory review in accordance with the proposals and timescales set out in the report.**
- 3. To delegate to the Governance Committee agreement of draft proposals prior to the submission of the final report and recommendation to full Council on 23 November 2011.**

### 36/11 Appointment of Independent Board Members to Derby Homes Board

Council considered a report of the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing which sought approval of appointments made to the Board of Derby Homes Limited.

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Hickson, and seconded, to approve the appointment to the board of Derby Homes as independent members:**

- **Mike Ainsley: 29 September 2011 – 25 October 2012**
- **Mark Menzies: 27 October 2011 – 30 October 2014**

### 37/1      Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2010/11

At the invitation of the Mayor, Mr Phillip Sunderland, Chair of the Standards Committee, presented the Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2010/11.

**Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, Councillor Allen, and seconded, to receive the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for the 2010/11 municipal year and to extend the thanks of the Council to the members of that Committee.**

## **38/11      Notices of Motions**

### **1.      *Bombardier***

**Resolved on the motion of Councillor Hickson and seconded, that Council notes with dismay the Government's decision not to award the £1.4 billion contract for Thameslink to Bombardier but instead to award it to Siemens in Germany.**

**The consequences of this decision will put up to 3000 Derby jobs in jeopardy - the economic costs of which are outlined as follows:**

- (a)    The Gross Value Added for each employee in the workforce in Derby (at 2008 figures) is £22,594.**
- (b)    The approximate cost to the Treasury to maintain someone on benefit and in terms of lost income tax and National Insurance etc is circa £9,000 for each person**
- (c)    The total cost of a redundancy could therefore be said to be £31,594 per annum.**
- (d)    When this figure is multiplied out by 1,200 jobs at Bombardier (in a best case scenario) or 2,000 (in a worst case scenario) this generates a cost to the nation of between £38 million and £63 million per annum. When the supply chain effect of 2.4 supply jobs to 1 Bombardier job are applied this cost spirals to a figure from £91m to £151m per annum**

**The lost contract may also spell the end of 170 years of train manufacturing in Derby and the end of the last UK train manufacturing base in this country meaning that in future every train or tram ever ordered by the UK would come from abroad. This is a completely unacceptable situation.**

**The City of Derby has a proud and distinguished history of high quality train manufacturing with a skilled and loyal workforce who are devastated by this decision.**

**Council therefore calls on the Prime Minister to:**

- 1,      Immediately agree to the meeting requested by the Leader of the Council, the Derby Renaissance Board, the Chamber of Commerce and**

**Marketing Derby so that the full ramifications of this decision can be evaluated**

- 2. To consider suspending the award of preferred bidder status to Siemens pending a thorough independent review of the tendering process with a view to running the tender again with an economic impact assessment as an integral part of the tendering process and measures to give the same inbuilt protection to UK workers that competitors in Spain, Germany and France manage to achieve for their own workforces**
- 3. To instruct officials across government to immediately engage with and work with the City to consider what economic and financial support can be put in place to accelerate its regeneration and employment prospects**

In accordance with rule CP68, it was requested by at least ten Members that a recorded vote be taken on the motion.

The following Members voted for the motion:

The Mayor (Councillor Allen)

Councillors: Afzal, Ashburner, Atwal, Bailey, Barker, Bayliss, Bolton, Campbell, Carr, Davis, Dhindsa, Harwood, Hickson, Higginbottom, Hillier, Holmes, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Keith, F Khan, J Khan, S Khan, Leeming, Marshall, Naitta, Poulter, Radford, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Richards, Roberts, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Troup, Tuplin, Turner, Webb, Whitby, Williams, F Winter, L Winter, Wood. (47)

No members voted against the motion.

- 2. Access to degree courses for ex service personnel with disabilities*

**Resolved, on the motion of Councillor Hickson, and seconded, that this Council recognises the enormous contribution made by service women and men to the security of our nation and our city. Their dedication often involves personal sacrifice which can result in loss of life or injury.**

**The Council therefore welcomes a scheme being launched by Chris Van-Hilton, to provide access to degree courses for ex service personnel with disabilities and commends the University of Derby for providing two fee free places. The Royal British Legion is also supporting the scheme.**

**The Council resolves to endorse the scheme and provide support as it can, other than direct funding, to help make the scheme a success.**

- 3. Community Transport and Subsidised Services*

It was moved by Councillor Campbell, and seconded that, Derby City Council has a responsibility to ensure that residents from across the city are able to access amenities and services; especially for vulnerable groups such as elderly and disabled people who need a specialised public transport service. The cabinet decision to

withdraw this valuable service will isolate many vulnerable residents in their homes and adversely affect their quality of life. Council therefore calls upon Council Cabinet to reinstate all the community transport and subsidise services affected until such a time as reasonable alternatives have been identified.

In accordance with Rule CP68, it was demanded by at least ten Members that a recorded vote be taken on the motion.

The following Members voted for the motion:

Councillors Afzal; Bayliss, Bolton, Campbell, Dhindsa, Higginbottom, Hillier, Hussain, Jackson, J Khan, S Khan, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Roberts, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Turner, Whitby, L Winter (21)

The following Members voted against the motion:

Councillors Ashburner, Atwall, Bailey, Barker, Carr, Davis, Harwood, Hickson, Holmes, Ingall, Keith, F Khan, Leeming, Marshall, Naitta, Poulter, Radford, Richards, Troup, Tuplin, Webb, Williams, F Winter, Wood (24).

The Mayor (Councillor Allen) abstained (1)

Councillor Skelton was not present in the meeting room when the recorded vote was taken.

The motion was declared lost.

#### 4. egg

It was moved by Councillor Holmes, and seconded, that Council notes with concern the loss of 650 jobs at the former egg site at Pride Park now owned by Barclays and the potential for other job losses for 600 other workers at that site but owned by Citibank. Council resolves to do all it can to support those faced with redundancy and calls upon Barclays and Citibank to enter in to immediate discussions with the Council and its Renaissance Board to explore ways of mitigating the effects on workers at the Pride Park site.

It was moved by Councillor Repton, and seconded, that the motion be amended by the addition of an additional paragraph:

‘this Council also requests an urgent meeting with senior members of the government, to facilitate discussions about how they can bring forward major investment plans and employment opportunities to mitigate the damaging effect to our local economy of these considerable potential job losses in the city.

The amendment was put to the meeting and carried.



**Resolved that Council notes with concern the loss of 650 jobs at the former Egg site at Pride Park now owned by Barclays and the potential for further job losses for approximately 600 other workers at that site but owned by Citibank.**

**Council resolves to do all it can to support those faced with redundancy and calls upon Barclays and Citibank to enter into immediate discussions with the Council and its Renaissance Board to explore ways of mitigating the effects on workers at the Pride Park site.**

**This Council also requests an urgent meeting with senior members of the government, to facilitate discussions about how they can bring forward major investment plans and employment opportunities to mitigate the damaging effect to our local economy of these considerable potential job losses in the city.**

Mayor