

ITEM 3

Time commenced - 6.03pm
Time finished - 8.44pm

COUNCIL

20 September 2017

Present: The Mayor, Councillor John Whitby, and Councillors Afzal, Anderson, Ashburner, Banwait, Barker, Bayliss, Bolton, Care, Carr, Dhindsa, Eldret, Evans, Froggatt, Grimadell, Harwood, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Keith, J Khan, S Khan, Marshall, Naitta, Nawaz, Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Raju, Rawson, Repton, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Stanton, Turner, Webb, West, Williams, Willoughby, Winter and Wood.

36/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Graves

37/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

38/17 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 19 July 2017 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

39/17 Announcements from the Mayor

The Mayor announced the Civic Award Winner for 2017. Members were informed that the award would go to Bill Tomlinson, who had been a trustee of the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre charity since 1984 and chairman for 15 years. It was reported that in excess of 650 children a year from Derbyshire benefitted from holidays because of the charity, which had expanded rapidly under Mr Tomlinson's stewardship. Council was informed that Mr Tomlinson was not available to be presented with the award, but that a separate presentation would be arranged.

Some changes to the Council agenda were reported by the Mayor. It was reported that the Mayor had agreed to receive a recommendation from the Audit and Accounts Committee which had taken place a day earlier, and that this would be considered at Item 10a. It was also reported that the mover of the motion at Item 11, Councillor Banwait, proposed to alter the wording under Rule CP53.

The Mayor informed Council that fundraising for his charities was going well, extending thanks to everyone who had been involved in activities so far.

Councillor Wood was given consent by the Mayor to address the Chamber in respect of former Councillor Dave Kellogg, who had passed away. It was reported by Councillor Wood that Mr Kellogg had been a member for Spondon between 1979 and 1983. Members stood to observe a minute's silence.

40/17 Statements from Members of the Council Cabinet

There were no statements.

41/17 Questions from the public to members of the Council Cabinet

Questions and answers were put and responded to as follows:

Questioner	Respondent	Subject
Simon Bacon	Councillor Afzal	Records management
Carole Fenton	Councillor Afzal	Ascot Drive
Lynn Lambert	Councillor Repton	Highways maintenance
Simon Bacon	Councillor Afzal	City Point adoption
Carole Fenton	Councillor Hussain	Performance venue
Lynn Lambert	Councillor Repton	Selective Licensing of private landlords

42/17 Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes

There were no questions.

43/17 Questions from non-Council Cabinet members

Questions and answers were put and responded to as follows:

Questioner	Respondent	Subject
Councillor Graves	Councillor Rawson	Alvaston District Centre
Councillor Skelton	Councillor Shanker	Taxi Licensing basic skills test
Councillor Naitta		
Councillor M Holmes	Councillor Afzal	Local Transport Plan priorities 2018/19
Councillor Poulter	Councillor Afzal	Derby bus station
Councillor Hudson	Councillor Shanker	Resolution of Teaching Assistant dispute
Councillor Harwood	Councillor Rawson	St Peter's Street cycle lane
Councillor Roulstone	Councillor Afzal	Summer planting
Councillor Barker	Councillor Afzal	Public Space Protection Order
Councillor Smale	Councillor Raju	Community managed libraries
Councillor Potter	Councillor Rawson	Market Place waterfall
Councillor Willoughby	Councillor Shanker	Accountancy fees
Councillor Grimadell	Councillor Rawson	City centre management
Councillor Graves	Councillor Shanker	Council press releases
Councillor Skelton	Councillor Russell	Education, Health and Care Plans
Councillor Naitta	Councillor Hussain	Homelessness provision
Councillor Hudson	Councillor Shanker	Voter ID pilot
Councillor Barker	Councillor Shanker	Standards complaint
Councillor Willoughby	Councillor Shanker	Value for money opinion
Councillor Graves	Councillor Raju	Alvaston Park receipt
Councillor Naitta	Councillor Shanker	Teaching Assistant agreement
Councillor Graves	Councillor Shanker	Financial and political governance

44/17 Annual Report of the Standards Committee

A report of the Chief Executive recommended that members consider the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2016/7. Councillor Shanker, as Chair of the Committee, introduced the report. Among the speakers, Councillor Bayliss gave a personal statement under Rule CP42(r).

Resolved to receive the Annual Report of the Standards Committee 2016/7 and note its content.

45/17 Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny

A report of the Director of Governance recommended that members consider the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2016/7. Councillor Stanton, as Chair of the Executive Scrutiny Board, introduced the report.

Resolved to receive the Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny 2016/7 and note its content.

46/17 Audit and Accounts Committee – referral of minute 23/17

A late item was considered following the referral to Council of a matter by the Audit and Accounts Committee on 19 September 2017. The committee had considered a report of the Interim Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer updating members on progress to resolve matters arising from recommendations made by the external auditors in June 2017 (referred to as S.24 Recommendations). It was noted that the 2015/6 accounts had been approved with an unqualified opinion by the external auditors in line with their letter to Council.

The Audit and Accounts Committee had received an update on progress in delivering an Action Plan to address the S.24 Recommendations, and resolved that Council should also receive the update for information. Councillor Hezelgrave, as Chair of the Audit and Accounts Committee, presented the report.

Resolved to note the update.

47/17 Motion: Electrification of Midland Mainline

It was proposed by Councillor that the motion as printed in the agenda be altered under Rule CP53. In accordance with that Council Procedure Rule, the meeting's consent was signified without discussion.

It was therefore moved by Councillor Banwait, and seconded by Councillor Rawson, that:

"Council notes with concern the Government's decision not to proceed with full electrification of the Midland Mainline and recognises the move will hamper economic growth and cause difficulties for commuters and businesses across the East Midlands. Upgrading the Midland Mainline would have delivered faster journey

times and cleaner trains for the roughly 5 million people who live in and around Derby, Nottingham, Leicester and Sheffield.

"Government has chosen to prioritise the investment of many billions of pounds in London and the South-East on schemes such as Crossrail 2, at the expense of electrification schemes in the Midlands, Wales and the North of England. By contrast, electrification of the Midland Mainline was expected to only cost around £1 billion.

"One study by IPPR North that found that 54.2 per cent of UK transport spending is invested in London, while the East Midlands receives just 3.2 per cent. This equates to £1,943 spent per person in the capital on current or planned projects, compared to £221 in our region.

"In line with cross-party agreement achieved by East Midlands Councils, D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership and the East Midlands Chamber, Council resolves to call on the Secretary of State to reverse this disparity in regional infrastructure funding.

"Council further resolves to lobby Government, in the strongest possible terms, together with our East Midlands partners, and seek the support of those councils further afield including Sheffield, to reinstate full electrification of the Midland Mainline."

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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48/17 Motion: Representation of Females in Elected Roles

It was moved by Councillor Eldret, and seconded by Councillor Russell, that:

"Council notes the findings of the Local Government Commission's report 'Does Local Government Work for Women?'

"The study found that women are more likely to rely on the services provided by councils and comprise 78 per cent of the local government workforce. However, the report also found that women are dramatically unrepresented in senior roles and as elected representatives.

"Council is concerned to note, that:

- Since 1997, the proportion of female councillors has flat-lined, rising from 28 to 33 per cent, compared to an increase of 75 per cent amongst female MPs.*
- Fewer than one in five Council Leaders are women, only 30 per cent of Cabinet roles go to women, while none of the six recently elected Metro Mayors are female.*
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"Council further notes that many authorities lack policies and procedures that encourage female participation, particularly in the democratic process. For example, many do not have formal maternity, paternity, adoption or parental leave policies for councillors.

"In recognition of the centenary of women's suffrage in 2018, Council resolves to establish a cross-party working group to make recommendations to the Annual General Meeting, with the intention of increasing the representation of women within Derby City Council."

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

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As a result of the motion moved at minute 47/17 having been carried, the third motion on the agenda, also relating to the electrification of the Midland Mainline was withdrawn.

MAYOR