

ITEM 3

Time commenced - 11.00am
Time adjourned - 11.48am
Time reconvened - 3.00pm
Time finished - 17.10pm

COUNCIL 22 MAY 2019

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Mike Carr, and Councillors Anderson, Ashburner, Atwal, Barker, Bettany, Care, Cooper, Dhindsa, Eldret, Evans, A W Graves, Harwood, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, Hussain, Ingall, J Khan, S Khan, Lind, Marshall, McCristal, Naitta, Nawaz, Pattison, Pearce, Peatfield, A Pegg, P Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Repton, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Testro, Webb, West, Williams, Willoughby and Wood.

1/19 Election of Mayor

It was proposed by Councillor Potter, and seconded, that Councillor Frank Harwood be elected as Mayor of the City for the next municipal year. The matter was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved that Councillor Frank Harwood be elected Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

Following a short interlude while the newly elected Mayor was robed, Councillor Harwood made the declaration of acceptance of office and occupied the chair. The Mayor then gave an acceptance speech, thanking councillors for his nomination and election.

2/19 Appointment of Deputy Mayor

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

It was proposed by Councillor Hassall, and seconded, that Councillor Ged Potter be appointed Deputy Mayor of the City for the next municipal year. The proposal was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved that Councillor Ged Potter be appointed Deputy Mayor of the City for the next municipal year.

Councillor Potter briefly left the Chamber to be robed, before making the declaration of acceptance of office.

3/19 Thanks to the Retiring Mayor

It was moved by Councillor Harwood, and seconded, that:

"The thanks of this Council be given to Councillor Mike Carr, for the zeal, impartiality and ability with which he has discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor of the City for the past year."

The proposal was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved that the thanks of this Council be given to Councillor Mike Carr, for the zeal, impartiality and ability with which he has discharged the duties of the Office of Mayor of the City for the past year.

Following this, Councillor Carr gave a speech of thanks and detailed a number of highlights from his year in office. Councillor Carr received a round of applause from those present.

4/19 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Froggatt, A J Graves, Kus and Stanton.

5/19 Appointment of Pinder and Tenter

Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, that the Markets Manager be appointed Pinder and Tenter for the ensuing year.

6/19 Adjournment of Meeting

Resolved, on the motion of the Mayor, that Council adjourn until 3pm in the Council Chamber, The Council House, Derby.

The Council adjourned at 11.48am and reconvened in the Council Chamber, The Council House, Derby, at 3.00pm on 22 May 2019.

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Mike Carr, and Councillors Ashburner, Atwal, Barker, Bettany, Care, Cooper, Dhindsa, Eldret, Evans, A W Graves, Harwood, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, Hussain, Ingall, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Marshall, McCristal, Naitta, Nawaz, Pattison, Pearce, Peatfield, A Pegg, P Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Repton, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Testro, Webb, West, Williams, Willoughby and Wood.

7/19 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anderson, Froggatt, A J Graves and Stanton.

8/19 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

9/19 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 27 February 2019 and 19 March 2019 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

10/19 Announcements from the Mayor

Councillor Harwood again thanked councillors for the support they had shown him in electing him as Mayor.

The Mayor noted that a number of additional documents had been circulated in advance of the meeting, including copies of nominations to constitutional committees, outside bodies and neighbourhood boards, together with an updated schedule of meetings.

The Mayor also reported that Derby City Council's Home First team had recently won the Business Transformation category at the annual LGC Awards. Members of the team were invited to receive their award from the Mayor, in recognition of their achievement.

The passing of former councillor Ernie Bull was reported to Council. Councillor Wood shared his recollections of former Councillor Bull and a moment's silence was then held out of respect.

Finally, councillors expressed their best wishes to Derby County Football Club ahead of their participation in the Championship Play Off Final on Monday 27 May.

11/19 Minute extract 35/18 from the meeting of Licensing Committee held on 21 March 2019.

It was moved by Councillor Barker, and seconded, that the minutes of Licensing Committee presented to Council be approved. This was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved to approve minute 35/18 of Licensing Committee.

12/19 Minute extract 230/18 from the meeting of Council Cabinet held on 10 April 2019.

It was moved by Councillor Poulter, and seconded, that the minutes of Council Cabinet presented to Council be approved. This was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved to approve minute 230/18 of Council Cabinet.

13/19 Minute extract 45/18 from the meeting of Personnel Committee held on 11 April 2019

It was moved by Councillor A Holmes, and seconded, that the minutes of Personnel Committee presented to Council be approved. This was put to the vote and carried.

14/19 Appointment of Council Cabinet

The Leader of the Council was invited by the Mayor to announce his Council Cabinet.

It was confirmed by Councillor Poulter that the portfolios would remain the same as in the 2018/19 municipal year and that the appointments were as follows:

- Councillor Poulter, Leader, Strategy and Policy
- Councillor M Holmes, Deputy Leader, Regeneration and Public Protection
- Councillor Barker, Governance and Licensing
- Councillor Webb, Adults, Health and Housing
- Councillor Williams, Children and Young People
- Councillor Roulstone, Finance and Procurement
- Councillor Wood, Leisure, Culture and Tourism
- Councillor Smale, Communities, Neighbourhoods and Streetpride

15/19 Endorsement of the Election of Youth Mayor

A report of the Chief Executive detailing the election of the new Youth Mayor was considered. It was reported that, following a citywide election process involving young people from across Derby's secondary schools, Abdul-Moiz Siddiqi had been elected as Youth Mayor and Gagandeep Kaur as Deputy Youth Mayor. Councillors were asked to endorse these appointments.

Resolved:

- 1) To thank Frederico Almeida and Sonja Sebastian for the time they had given representing young people in Derby as Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor over the previous 12 months;**
- 2) To commend the efforts of all the candidates who participated in the Youth Mayor elections in 2019; and**
- 3) To endorse the elections of Abdul-Moiz Siddiqi and Gagandeep Kaur as Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor respectively for Derby for the 2018/9 municipal year.**
- 4) To invite the newly elected Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor to make a declaration of office before Council at the next scheduled meeting.**

16/19 Schedule of Meetings for 2019/20

The Council considered a Schedule of Meetings for 2019/20. Amendments to the schedule were proposed, put to the vote and lost.

Resolved to approve the Schedule of Meetings 2019/20

17/19 Constitutional Appointments

Following consultation with groups, a document detailing proposed Constitutional Appointments for 2019/20 was considered.

In addition to those nominations published, Councillor Eldret nominated Councillor Paul Pegg as a Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee and Councillor Joanna West as Vice-Chair of the Audit and Accounts Committee. No further nominations were received.

In further amendments to the published nominations, it was requested that Councillor Froggatt replaced Councillor Russell on the Corporate Services Scrutiny Review Board, and that Councillor Evans' and Councillor Bettany's respective nominations to the Corporate Parenting Committee and Personnel Committee were withdrawn.

Councillors Alison Holmes and Froggatt were each nominated to be Chair of the Standards Committee. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor A Holmes was elected, with Councillor Froggatt nominated unopposed to the vacant position of Vice-Chair.

Councillors Paul Pegg and Potter were each nominated to the Police and Crime Panel. The nominations were put to the vote and Councillor Potter was elected.

It was proposed by Councillor Poulter, and seconded, that a 'Champion' for the Armed Forces should be included alongside those listed. It was proposed by Councillor Poulter, and seconded, that Councillor Cooper occupy this role.

The document, as amended following the additional contributions, was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved to approve the Constitutional Appointments.

18/19 Neighbourhood Chairs

Following consultation with groups, a document detailing proposed Neighbourhood Chairs for 2019/20 was considered.

Both Councillors Atwal and Russell were nominated in Abbey Ward. Following a vote, Councillor Atwal was appointed.

Both Councillors A Pegg and P Pegg were nominated in Mackworth Ward. Following a vote, Councillor A Pegg was appointed.

Following the resolution of the above matters, the amended proposals were put to the vote and carried

Resolved to approve the Neighbourhood Chairs for 2019/20, as amended.

19/19 Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities

Following consultation with groups, a document detailing proposed Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities for 2019/20 was considered.

In amendments to the published nominations, it was confirmed that Councillors Barker and Poulter were nominated to the Derby and Derbyshire Rail Forum Board.

Councillor Wood withdrew his nomination to the Derbyshire County Council Pensions and Investment Committee, negating the requirement for a vote to appoint to the two positions available. Councillor Eldret nominated Councillor West to a vacancy with Derbyshire Rape Crisis.

The document, as amended following the additional contributions, was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved to approve the Appointments to Outside Bodies and Charities for 2019/20.

20/19 Attendance at Annual Conferences

The Council considered a schedule of attendances at annual conferences for the 2019/20 municipal year.

Resolved to approve attendances at annual conferences for the 2019/20 municipal year.

21/19 Members' Allowances Scheme 2019-20

A report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources was considered.

The report sought approval for a Members' Allowances Scheme for 2019/20 which, owing to the on-going review of Derby City Council's governance arrangements, proposed only consequential amendments to the previous scheme.

It was moved by Councillor Evans, and seconded, that the following additional recommendation was added to the report:

Council resolves to amend the proposed Members' Allowances Scheme for 2019/20 such that payment of a group leader's special responsibility allowance applies to groups with a membership of four or more.

The additional recommendation was put to the vote and carried.

Council resolved to amend the proposed Members' Allowances Scheme for 2019/20 such that payment of a group leader's special responsibility allowance applies to groups with a membership of four or more.

The Members' Allowances Scheme for 2019/20, as amended, was put to the vote and carried.

Council resolved to approve the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2019/20, to take effect immediately.

22/19 Appointment of Strategic Director of Corporate Resources; designation of statutory roles and recruitment to post of Strategic Director of Communities and Place

A report of the Chief Executive was considered. The report updated members on the appointment process for a permanent Strategic Director of Corporate Resources. The report sought approval for the designation of the statutory role of Chief Finance Officer and the principle of a recruitment process to the post Strategic Director of Communities and Place.

The recommendations in the report were moved by Councillor Poulter, and seconded. The matter was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve the appointment of Mr Paul Simpson as the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, and to designate him the statutory role of Chief Finance Officer as required under Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 with effect from 1 August 2019.**
- 2. To approve the designation of Mr Paul Simpson as the council's Deputy Chief Executive with effect from 1 August 2019.**
- 3. To approve the principle of a recruitment process to the post of Strategic Director of Communities and Place, as required under the council's Pay Policy, and for the Appointments Panel to confirm an appointment.**

23/19 Motion: Action to address climate emergency

The following motion was moved by Councillor Care, and seconded by Councillor Eldret.

"The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have warned that we have 12 years to make the necessary changes to limit a rise in global temperatures to 1.5c. Failure to act will see a marked increase in sea levels and flooding, extreme and abrupt changes to weather patterns, crop failures, extinctions of plant, insect and animal species and global economic disruption and crisis. The increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events that we have experienced locally highlight why this is such an important issue for Derby City Council to respond to.

At the Global Climate Talks in Poland last December the UK along with over 200 nations agreed action on climate change with a much greater role strongly implied for Local and Regional Authorities like Derby City Council in assisting Governments to achieve their carbon emission savings.

This Council therefore:

- Declares a Climate Emergency;*
- Notes that our current targets are inadequate to respond to the challenge of keeping global temperature rises below 1.5c.*

This Council requests that:

(a) a Derby Climate Change working group is established to respond to this challenge, that meets in public with wide representation including from all party groups;

(b) considering recommendations from the proposed working group, the Cabinet sets a new target for Derby to be carbon neutral and develops an action plan, by the end of 2019, to achieve this;

(c) Council resolves to work with other local authorities and public, private and voluntary sector partners on carbon reduction projects to ensure the UK is able to deliver on its climate commitments; and

(d) the Government provides the necessary resources and powers so that Derby can make its contribution to the UK's Carbon Reduction targets."

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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24/19 Motion: Pear Tree Carnegie Library

The following motion was moved by Councillor S Khan, and seconded by Councillor Peatfield.

"The Pear Tree Carnegie Library was built in 1913 and gifted to the city by the philanthropist Andrew Carnegie.

The Library has been at the heart of the community for 100 years and has been greatly missed since its closure in 2018.

This Council believes that this key historic building should be kept in Public use, and therefore resolves to request that Council Cabinet:

- 1. Designate the building as an asset of community value*
- 2. Stop all plans to sell the building*
- 3. Divert the funds necessary from the Capital Programme to repair and restore the building to bring it back into public use as soon as possible"*

As required under Rule CP71a of the Council Procedure Rules, it was demanded by at least 10 members that a recorded vote be taken. The voting was as follows:

Those for the motion: Councillors Ashburner, Atwal, Dhindsa, Eldret, Hezelgrave, Hussain, Ingall, J Khan, S Khan, Marshall, Naitta, Nawaz, Peatfield, Repton, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker and West (18).

Those against the motion: Councillors Barker, Cooper, Hassall, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, McCristal, Pattison, Pearce, A Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Roulstone, Smale, Testro, Webb, Williams, Willoughby and Wood (19).

Abstentions: Councillors Care, Lind, Skelton and the Mayor, Councillor Harwood (4).

The motion was lost.

MAYOR