

ITEM 9

Time commenced - 6.05pm
Time adjourned - 7:49pm
Time reconvened - 8:02pm
Time adjourned - 9:22pm
Time reconvened - 9:33pm
Time adjourned - 9:41pm
Time reconvened - 9:46pm
Time finished - 10:44pm

COUNCIL

28 February 2022

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

89/21 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Naitta.

90/21 Declarations of Interest

The Mayor invited the Monitoring Officer to address the meeting, who informed councillors that a general dispensation had been granted to allow voting to take place on the Council Tax proposals and the Councillors' Allowances Scheme for 2022-23.

91/21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was moved by Councillor Smale and seconded by Councillor Barker that the minutes of the extraordinary and scheduled meetings of Council held on 19 January 2022 be approved as a correct record.

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 19 January 2022 be approved as a correct record, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

92/21 Announcements from the Mayor

The Mayor reflected on the outbreak of war in Ukraine. The Mayor reported that they had recently attended a memorial service with members of the Ukrainian community in Derby, together with local Members of Parliament, members of the Council and other civic dignitaries.

It was reported that under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule CP42r, the Mayor had agreed to accept a late item on grounds of urgency, relating to the situation in Ukraine, and that the matter would be considered following the conclusion of the other business listed on the agenda.

The Mayor placed on record their thanks to Derby City Council employees who had responded to Storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin, noting that effective emergency planning had protected Derby from the most severe effects of storm damage and flooding.

Several procedural matters were reported, relating to the consideration of the Medium Term Financial Plan and Council Tax proposals. The Mayor stated that they intended to exercise discretion under Council Procedure Rule CP46 to vary the amount of time opposition spokespeople had to respond to the budget proposals.

It was reported that two serving councillors would be standing down ahead of the local elections due to take place on Thursday 4 May 2022. Tributes were paid to Councillors Bettany and Willoughby in recognition of their time serving on the Council.

The Mayor also reported to Council the passing of Sir Alan Jones, former Managing Director and Chairman Emeritus of Toyota UK, who had been closely involved with the opening and operation of Toyota's Burnaston plant. Councillor Ingall offered their recollections of working with Sir Alan.

A moment's silence was then observed in respect of the situation in Ukraine and the passing of Sir Alan Jones.

93/21 Statements from members of the Council Cabinet

There were none.

94/21 Questions from the public

Questions and responses were heard as follows:

| Questioner | Respondent | Summary |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| Cecile Wright | Cllr Hassall | Green savings |
| Clare Wood | Cllr J Pearce | Artificial grass on the racecourse |
| Pauline Inwood | Cllr Hassall | Capital projects expenditure |
| Philip Hutchinson | Cllr Hassall | Eastwood Drive |
| Bal Mahal | | |
| Brendan Connelly | Cllr Barker | Council Cabinet |
| Mair Bain | Cllr Hassall | Investment to meet the Derby Zero Carbon target |
| Ruth Coates | Cllr Barker | Redesigning staff resources |
| Brendan Connelly | Cllr Smale | Market Hall refurbishment |
| Mair Bain | Cllr Hassall | Air Quality Improvement Project |

95/21 Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes

There were none.

96/21 Questions from non-Council Cabinet members

Questions and responses were heard as follows:

| Questioner | Respondent | Summary |
|----------------|----------------|---|
| Cllr Testro | Cllr Williams | SEND ICT funding |
| Cllr Repton | Cllr McCristal | City Centre swimming pool |
| Cllr Shanker | Cllr Smale | Market Hall budget |
| Cllr West | Cllr McCristal | Moorways announcement |
| Cllr Peatfield | Cllr Hassall | High Street regeneration |
| Cllr Lonsdale | Cllr Webb | Adult Social Care savings |
| Cllr Dhindsa | Cllr Poulter | Levelling Up |
| Cllr Martin | Cllr Eyre | West End CCTV |
| Cllr Lind | Cllr Smale | Household Support Scheme |
| Cllr Care | Cllr Hassall | C02 emitting equipment |
| Cllr Repton | Cllr McCristal | Market Place costs |
| Cllr Shanker | Cllr Hassall | Becketwell Performance Venue financial assessment |
| Cllr West | Cllr Smale | NWTF alternatives, activity and energy costs |
| Cllr Naitta | | |
| Cllr Peatfield | | |
| Cllr Martin | Cllr Pearce | St Alkmund's Green |
| Cllr Shanker | Cllr Hassall | Eastwood Drive consultation |
| Cllr Dhindsa | Cllr Pearce | Crematorium investment |
| Cllr Dhindsa | Cllr Pearce | Compactor days |

97/21 Minute extract 45/21 of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board held on 14 February 2022.

A minute extract from the meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board held on 14 February 2022 was considered. The minute recommended the appointment of co-opted members to the Board, following the expiry of the terms of office of the existing nominated faith representatives and parent governor representatives. The minute recommended the appointment of Ms Tracey Churchill as the Catholic Diocesan representative and Revd. Nicky Fenton as the Church of England representative, to four-year terms of office.

It was moved by Councillor Lind and seconded by Councillor Atwal that the minute be approved.

Resolved to approve minute 45/21 of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Board.

98/21 Minute extract 156/21 of the meeting of the Council Cabinet held on 16 February 2022

A minute of the Council Cabinet was considered recommending the adoption of an updated Council Plan for 2022 to 2025, which detailed a summary of the Council's priorities for the period. It was noted that the draft Council Plan had been subject to a period of public consultation, and that feedback from partners, residents, businesses, and other stakeholders had been incorporated. The draft Council Plan as recommended by the Council Cabinet was attached to the minute for consideration by councillors.

It was moved by Councillor Poulter and seconded by Councillor Smale that the minute be approved.

Resolved to approve minute 156/21 of the Council Cabinet.

99/21 Minute extract 157/21 of the meeting of the Council Cabinet held on 16 February 2022

Council considered minute extract 157/21 of the Council Cabinet detailing the proposed Medium Term Financial Plan for 2022/23 to 2024/25. Appended to the minute was the report considered by the Council Cabinet on 16 February 2022, detailing the Council's draft Revenue Budget, Capital Budget, Dedicated Schools Grant, Reserves and Capital Strategy for the forthcoming financial year.

Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule CP46, the Mayor stated that Group Leaders or a nominated spokesperson could speak for longer than five minutes in response to the Cabinet Member for Digital, Finance and Assets moving the proposals.

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

To recommend to Council to approve:

Revenue Budget

- a) *Derby City Council's net budget requirement for 2022/23 of £259,554,475 subject to the finalisation of the Council's Council Tax for 2022/23.*
- b) *To increase the City Council element of Council Tax by 1.99% as set out in in section 4.6 of the report*
- c) *To increase Council Tax by an additional 1% Social Care Precept as set out in section 4.6 of the report.*
- d) *The current list of savings options outlined in Appendix 4 of the report with an associated estimated reduction in posts by 52.25 full time equivalent (FTE) as outlined in section 4.5 of the report.*
- e) *The current estimated service pressures outlined in Appendix 5 of the report.*

- f) *The directorates revenue budget plans for 2022/23 to 2024/25 estimates as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.*
- g) *The implementation of savings proposals included in Appendix 4 of the report.*
- h) *The commencement of appropriate procedures to support the specific budget proposals listed in Appendix 4 of the report.*

Reserves

- a) *The use of budget risk reserve of £4.352m on a non-recurrent basis to smooth the timing differences for the collection fund of £4.158m and to smooth the budget gap in 2022/23 of £0.194m as outlined in section 4.3.8 of the report.*
- b) *The use of Treasury Management Reserve to smooth the timing differences within the capital programme as outlined in section 4.3.8 of the report.*
- c) *Use of budget risk reserve to fund voluntary redundancy exit costs as outlined in section 4.5.1 of the report.*
- d) *Reallocation of earmarked reserves arising from review of reserves as outlined in section 7.1.1 of the report.*
- e) *The Section 25 reserves adequacy report as detailed in Appendix 7 of the report.*

Capital

- a) *The capital programme for 2022/23 and note the indicative capital programme for 2023/24 and 2024/25 as set out in section 5 of the report. A summary and detail was outlined in Appendix 13 of the report.*
- b) *To recommend that Council approve the additional borrowing outlined in sections 5.1, 5.1.16 and 5.3.5 of the report.*
- c) *The Summary of Unsupported Borrowing as set out in Appendix 14 of the report.*
- d) *The MRP policy detailed in Appendix 15 of the report.*
- e) *The prudential indicators detailed in Appendix 16 of the report.*
- f) *The Capital Strategy attached at Appendix 17 of the report.*
- g) *The application of the flexible use of capital receipts as outlined in section 5.3.10 of the report.*
- h) *The Capital Ambition detailed in Appendix 18 of the report.*

Dedicated Schools Grant

- a) *The allocations of the Dedicated Schools Grant as detailed in section 6 of the report.*

- b) *The increase of Minimum Funding Level per pupil to £4,265 per primary school pupil and £5,525 per secondary aged pupil.*
- c) *The base rate element of the Early Years Funding for 2-year-olds of £5.57 per hour and 3/4-year-olds £4.54 per hour. The Stand-Alone Maintained Nursery Supplementary rate of £1.51 (Universal Hours).*
- d) *The application of the following formula criteria for 2022/23:*
 - I. *To implement a cap on growth above 4.73% per pupil with no factor being scaled back.*
 - II. *To set a Minimum Funding Guarantee of 2%.*
- e) *The transfer of £0.303m from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.*
- f) *To approve the value of Growth Fund of £0.244m to be retained centrally.*

Councillors Shanker, Skelton and Prosser spoke in response.

It was moved on the motion of the Mayor and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was put to the vote and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm and reconvened at 8:02pm. The Mayor then invited further contributions on the budget under the normal rules of debate.

It was moved by Councillor Shanker and seconded by Councillor Peatfield that the minute be amended by the addition of the following words:

"That the budget is amended to reduce the proposed Council Tax increase to 1.99% consisting of a 0.99% increase for Council Services and a 1% Social Care Precept for 2022/23.

The current macro-economic conditions of rising costs, inflation, utilities means that household incomes are under unprecedented strain. In addition, households will experience increased tax burdens through the introduction of the Health and Social Care levy. Now is not the time for the Council to maximise its Council Tax increase. Reducing Council Tax by 1% will provide householders some additional money to assist them with the financial hardship they are suffering.

The Council provided within the MTFP for 2021/22 and 2022/23 a Covid Placeholder for potential additional costs or loss of income linked to the pandemic. Given the lifting of all restrictions announced last week there is no longer an identified need for this budget and the Council needs to be efficient and effective and live within the approved budgets for each service area. Through not retaining this placeholder budget there is the opportunity to reduce the financial impact on households next year."

That the MTFP for 2022/23- 2024/25 be amended as follows:

Revenue Budget:

| | <i>Service</i> | <i>Total Revised 2022/23</i> | <i>Total Revised 2023/24</i> | <i>Total Revised 2024/25</i> |
|--|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | |

| | | £m | £m | £m |
|--|----------------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Add:</i> | | | | |
| <i>Reduce Council Tax Increase to 0.99% (note the 1% Social Care precept is unchanged)</i> | <i>Funding</i> | 1.083 | 1.131 | 1.178 |
| <i>Amend:</i> | | | | |
| <i>Covid Placeholder Budget (£1.150 million)</i> | <i>Funding</i> | (1.083) | (0.000) | (0.000) |

The amendment was put to the vote. As required under Council Procedure Rule CP71b, the votes of the councillors on the amendment were noted and recorded, as they related to the setting of the Council's budget.

For the amendment:

Councillors Atwal, Bettany, Bonser, Dhindsa, Evans, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, Hezelgrave, Hussain, Ingall, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Lonsdale, Martin, Nawaz, Peatfield, Prosser, Repton, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Testro, West and Willoughby (27).

Against the amendment:

Councillors Barker, Carr, Cooper, Eyre, Grimadell, Hassall, A Holmes, M Holmes, Jennings, McCristal, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Roulstone, Smale, Webb, Williams and Wood (22).

Abstentions:

None (0).

The amendment was carried.

It was moved by Councillor Martin and seconded by Councillor Hezelgrave that the minute be amended by the addition of the following words:

"That the budget is amended to reinstate the proposed saving, £303,000 to Youth Work and NEET Provision within the city, forming part of a wider saving of £738,000 detailed on Page 46 of the Budget report.

The breadth and depth of need among young people and those not in education, employment or training for assistance, guidance and inspiration is greater than ever. The Council should retain its own youth work offer and continue to provide excellent support to young people who are NEET in order to be able to work effectively with partners and to reduce ASB in the city.

The Council has a vital role to play in supporting young people in the city via its own services.

That the MTFP for 2022/23- 2024/25 be amended as follows:

Revenue Budget:

| | <i>Theme</i> | <i>Total Revised 2022/23 £m</i> | <i>Total Revised 2023/24 £m</i> | <i>Total Revised 2024/25 £m</i> |
|--|------------------|---|---|---|
| <i>Add: Page 46</i> | | | | |
| <i>Reinstate proposed reduction in Youth work and NEET Services reconfiguration of the Early Help Services</i> | <i>Resilient</i> | <i>0.303</i> | <i>0.303</i> | <i>0.303</i> |
| <i>Amend:</i> | | | | |
| <i>Utilise increased allocation of Supporting families money (*)</i> | <i>Funding</i> | <i>(0.303)</i> | <i>(0.303)</i> | <i>(0.303)</i> |

The amendment was put to the vote. As required under Council Procedure Rule CP71b, the votes of the councillors on the amendment were noted and recorded, as they related to the setting of the Council's budget.

For the amendment:

Councillors Atwal, Bettany, Bonser, Care, Carr, Dhindsa, Froggatt, A J Graves, Hezelgrave, Hussain, Ingall, J Khan, S Khan, Kus, Lind, Lonsdale, Martin, Nawaz, Peatfield, Prosser, Repton, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Testro, West and Willoughby (27).

Against the amendment:

Councillors Barker, Cooper, Eyre, Evans, A W Graves, Grimadell, Hassall, A Holmes, M Holmes, Jennings, McCristal, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Roulstone, Smale, Webb, Williams and Wood (23).

Abstentions:

None (0).

The amendment was carried.

It was moved by Councillor Poulter and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was put to the vote and passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:22pm and reconvened at 9:33pm.

The substantive minute, as amended, was put to the vote. As required under Council Procedure Rule CP71b, the votes of the councillors on the amendment were noted and recorded, as they related to the setting of the Council's budget.

For the motion:

Councillors Barker, Cooper, Eyre, Froggatt, Grimadell, Hassall, A Holmes, M Holmes, Ingall, Jennings, McCristal, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Roulstone, Smale, Webb, Williams and Wood (23).

Against the motion:

Councillors Atwal, Bettany, Care, Carr, Evans, A W Graves, Kus, Lind, Lonsdale, Prosser, Skelton, Testro and Willoughby (13).

Abstentions:

Councillors Bonser, Dhindsa, Hezelgrave, Hussain, J Khan, S Khan, Martin, Nawaz, Peatfield, Repton, Sandhu, Shanker and West (13).

Resolved to approve minute 157/21 of the Council Cabinet, subject to the following:

- 1. That the minute is amended to reduce the proposed Council Tax increase to 1.99% consisting of a 0.99% increase for Council Services and a 1% Social Care Precept for 2022/23.**

The current macro-economic conditions of rising costs, inflation, utilities means that household incomes are under unprecedented strain. In addition, households will experience increased tax burdens through the introduction of the Health and Social Care levy. Now is not the time for the Council to maximise its Council Tax increase. Reducing Council Tax by 1% will provide householders some additional money to assist them with the financial hardship they are suffering.

The Council provided within the MTFP for 2021/22 and 2022/23 a Covid Placeholder for potential additional costs or loss of income linked to the pandemic. Given the lifting of all restrictions announced last week there is no longer an identified need for this budget and the Council needs to be efficient and effective and live within the approved budgets for each service area. Through not retaining this placeholder budget there is the opportunity to reduce the financial impact on households next year.

- 2. That the minute is amended to reinstate the proposed saving, £303,000 to Youth Work and NEET Provision within the city, forming part of a wider saving of £738,000 detailed on Page 46 of the Budget report.**

The breadth and depth of need among young people and those not in education, employment or training for assistance, guidance and inspiration is greater than ever. The Council should retain its own youth work offer and continue to provide excellent support to young people who are NEET in order to be able to work effectively with partners and to reduce ASB in the city.

The Council has a vital role to play in supporting young people in the city via its own services.

- 3. That the MTFP for 2022/23- 2024/25 be amended as follows:**

Revenue Budget:

| | Service | Total Revised 2022/23 £m | Total Revised 2023/24 £m | Total Revised 2024/25 £m |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
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| Add: | | | | |
| Reduce Council Tax Increase to 0.99% (note the 1% Social Care precept is unchanged) | Funding | 1.083 | 1.131 | 1.178 |
| Amend: | | | | |
| Covid Placeholder Budget (£1.150 million) | Funding | (1.083) | (0.000) | (0.000) |

| | Theme | Total Revised 2022/23 £m | Total Revised 2023/24 £m | Total Revised 2024/25 £m |
|--|------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Add: Page 46 | | | | |
| Reinstate proposed reduction in Youth work and NEET Services reconfiguration of the Early Help Services | Resilient | 0.303 | 0.303 | 0.303 |
| Amend: | | | | |
| Utilise increased allocation of Supporting families money (*) | Funding | (0.303) | (0.303) | (0.303) |

100/21 Minute extract 158/21 of the meeting of the Council Cabinet held on 16 February 2022

A minute of the Council Cabinet was considered recommending the adoption of the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for the 2022-23 financial year, alongside treasury management indicators derived from the strategy and the Council's proposed investment strategy.

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

Resolved to approve minute 158/21 of the Council Cabinet.

101/21 Council Tax Setting 2022-23

It was noted that owing to the amendment of the budget proposals detailed at minute 98/21, the report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources detailing Derby City Council's Council Tax requirement was no longer accurate.

It was moved by Councillor Smale and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was put to the vote and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm and reconvened at 9:46pm to allow for the circulation of an updated report, that reflected the revised Council Tax requirement.

It was reported that Derby City Council's Council Tax requirement for the year had been calculated as £110,503,600. The revised report set out the total Council Tax for Derby residents for 2022/23, and included precepts for the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Derbyshire Fire Authority.

The recommendations in the report were moved by Councillor Smale, and seconded by Councillor Poulter.

As required under Rule CP71b of the Council Procedure Rules, the votes of the councillors on the substantive motion were noted and recorded as the resolution related to the setting of Council Tax.

The voting was as follows:

For the motion:

Councillors Barker, Bonser, Cooper, Dhindsa, Eyre, Froggatt, Grimadell, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, Ingall, Jennings, J Khan, S Khan, Martin, McCristal, Nawaz, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Peatfield, Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Smale, Webb, West, Williams and Wood (36).

Against the motion:

Councillors Bettany, Carr, Evans, A W Graves, Kus and Prosser (6).

Abstentions:

Councillors Atwal, Care, Lind, Lonsdale, Skelton, Testro and Willoughby (7).

Councillor A J Graves was not present in the meeting at the time the vote was taken.

Resolved:

To approve:

- a) **The Council Tax requirement for Derby City Council for 2022/23 of £110,503,600 in line with the detailed calculation presented in Appendix 1 of the report.**
- b) **The amounts of Council Tax for the year 2022/23 for each of the categories of dwellings detailed in section 4, being the aggregate in each case of the amounts detailed in sections 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**
- c) **The publication of the requisite notices in accordance with the provisions of Section 38(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**

To note:

- a) **Council Cabinet is recommending to Council the net budget requirement for Derby City Council for 2022/23 of £258,471,000 at this Council meeting**
- b) **For the year 2022/23, Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner have stated their authority's precept to the Council, in accordance with section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings detailed in section 4.3 of the report.**

102/21 Pay Policy Statement 2022/23

A report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources was considered, detailing the proposed Pay Policy Statement for 2022/23. It was noted that Section 38 of the Localism Act 2022 required councils to set out their policies in relation to the remuneration of Chief Officers; the remuneration of its lowest paid employees; and, the relationship between the remuneration of its Chief Officers and other officers.

The draft Pay Policy Statement and a summary of the pay, roles and responsibilities of senior employees was appended to the report for consideration.

It was moved by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Hassall that the recommendations contained within the report be approved. The recommendations were put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve the Pay Policy Statement 2022/23 attached at Appendix 1 of the report.**
- 2. To note that the Pay Policy Statement will be published on the Council's website.**

103/21 Councillors' Allowances Scheme 2022/23

A report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources proposing a Councillors' Allowances Scheme for 2022-23 was presented to Council. The report noted that in setting a scheme of allowances, Council must have regard to the recommendations of an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).

It was noted that a report of the IRP had last been considered in July 2021, when Council had accepted wholesale the recommendations from the IRP and adopted a revised scheme of allowances.

The report proposed a scheme that made only consequential amendments to the previous version. In July 2021, Council agreed to index link both the Basic Allowance and the Special Responsibility Allowances to the Local Government Pay Award for a period of four years. The report recommended that responsibility was delegated to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources to apply the award once it was agreed nationally.

It was moved by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Potter that the recommendations in the report be approved. The recommendations were put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve the Councillors' Allowances Scheme as set out at Appendix 1 of the report, to take effect from 1 April 2022.**
- 2. To note that Council has previously agreed to index link the Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances to the Local Government Pay Award until 2024-25.**
- 3. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources to undertake the following actions:**
 - a. To apply the Local Government Pay Award for 2022-23 to the level of Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances, to be backdated to 1 April 2022 once agreed.**
 - b. To update the Councillors' Allowances and Expenses Scheme 2022-23 to reflect the application of the pay award.**

105/21 Urgent Non-Executive Decisions made by the Chief Executive

A report of the Chief Executive was considered, reporting to Council urgent non-executive decisions taken under delegated authority, following consultation with political group leaders, since the last meeting of Council.

The report detailed a decision to approve the Council's application for membership of Infinity Park Derby Management Ltd, a property management company responsible for the management, maintenance and improvement of common areas of Infinity Park, Derby. The Council's purchase of part of Infinity Park as part of the NAMRC Midlands scheme had triggered a requirement to become members of the management company. An urgent decision had been needed prior to the January meeting of Council, as transactional documents were required to be completed by 17 January 2022.

It was moved by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Potter that the recommendations be agreed. The matter was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved to note the decision of the Chief Executive, following consultation with the political group leaders, to approve the Council's application for membership of Infinity Park Derby Management Ltd.

106/21 Local Government Boundary Review – warding pattern submission

Council received a report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources proposing a draft warding pattern submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) review of Derby City Council.

It was reported that the LGBCE had been undertaking a review since July 2021 and had previously recommended that the Council retain 51 councillors. The next stage of the review was to establish a warding pattern for the Council's area, based on the following statutory criteria:

- Delivering electoral equality for local voters

- Protecting the interests and identifies of local communities
- Ensuring effective and convenient local government

It was noted that a public consultation was running between 26 October 2021 and 29 March 2022, and that the Council had been invited to submit a response, alongside other local stakeholders. The report detailed the methodology and process followed to develop a warding pattern in consultation with councillors that was consistent with the three statutory criteria.

A proposed warding pattern was attached at Appendix 1 to the report, alongside data relating to the estimated size of Derby's electorate by 2027 and projected housing growth across the city for the same period.

The report summarised feedback received as part of several workshops held with ward councillors. It also noted strong preference for the retention of seventeen wards containing three councillors each, and ensuring ward boundaries remained co-terminus with Parliamentary constituencies.

It was moved by Councillor Barker and seconded by Councillor Poulter that the recommendations in the report were approved. The recommendations were put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

- 1. To approve the draft warding pattern submission attached at Appendix 1 of the report for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.**
- 2. To agree that the Council favours a uniform warding pattern, comprising of seventeen wards, containing three councillors per ward, and to request that the LGBCE considers the arguments presented at paragraph 4.18 of the report in developing its recommendations.**
- 3. To request that the LGBCE considers the arguments in favour of respecting Parliamentary boundaries, as detailed at paragraphs 4.20 to 4.23 of the report.**

107/21 Motion: Solidarity with Ukraine

It was moved on the motion of the Mayor and seconded, that under Council Procedure Rule CP42(m), the meeting be extended beyond four hours in duration. The motion was put to the vote and carried.

The Mayor reported that they had agreed under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule CP42(r) to accept an urgent item, following the outbreak of war in Ukraine in the days immediately preceding the meeting.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Martin and seconded by Councillor Poulter:

Derby City Council supports Ukrainian sovereignty, democracy, independence and territorial integrity. It condemns unreservedly Russia's violation of Ukraine's sovereignty, and the heinous acts of President Putin.

The Council affirms its solidarity with the people, government and parliament of Ukraine, and Derby's Ukrainian community. The Council also affirms its solidarity with all the Russian citizens in Derby and around the world who want no part in this war and who remain committed to peace and unity.

The Council resolves to:

Write immediately to the Derby branch of The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain to assure them of our support at this worrying time and to ask if there are ways we can provide practical assistance.

Write to the office of the Prime Minister to urge that every measure be taken and upheld to increase the pressure on Russia from the international community in order to oblige an early and negotiated cessation of this aggression.

The motion was put to the vote and carried.

Resolved:

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The Council resolves to:

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Write to the office of the Prime Minister to urge that every measure be taken and upheld to increase the pressure on Russia from the international community in order to oblige an early and negotiated cessation of this aggression.

MAYOR