

Council Wednesday 21 July 2021 At 6:00pm

Derby Loves You Venue Market Place, Derby, DE1 3AH at 6:00pm

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Members:

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, Naitta, Nawaz, Pandey, Pattison, J Pearce, T Pearce, Peatfield, Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Prosser, Repton, Roulstone, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Testro, Webb, West, Williams and Willoughby.

Agenda

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest Attached

3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 May 2021

Attached

- 4. Announcements from the Mayor
- 5. Statements from members of the Council Cabinet
- 6. Questions from the Public

	Questioner	Respondent	Summary
Α	Nathalie Hollingworth	Cllr Barker	Access to public meetings
В	Dorothy Skrytek	Cllr Poulter	Derby A38 Scheme
С	Mair Perkins	Cllr M Holmes	Review of the Local Plan
D	Paul Tice Craig Tice	Cllr Roulstone	Allestree Hall and Golf Course
Е	Joe Guiliano	Cllr M Holmes	Cycling in Derby
F	Richard Stokes	Cllr M Holmes	A38 Expansion
G	Doug Lumley	Cllr Webb	Housing Standards
Н	Adrian Howlett	Cllr M Holmes	Climate Emergency Plans
I	Tony Roelich Bal Mahal	Cllr M Holmes	Eastwood Drive Road Safety

J	Bernadette Grosse Marcus James Elizabeth James Karen Springer	Cllr Williams	Holiday Activity and Food Programme
K	Carmel Swan	Cllr McCristal	Protecting Derby's heritage
L	Nathalie Hollingworth	Cllr Barker	Erasmus motion
M	Dorothy Skrytek	Cllr M Holmes	Clean Air Zone
N	Mair Perkins	Cllr M Holmes	Climate Emergency Training

- 7. Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes
- 8. Questions from non-Council Cabinet members
- 9. Minute extract 08/21 of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 16 Attached June 2021
- 10. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Attached

11. Urgent non-executive decisions made by the Chief Executive

Attached

12. Notice of Motion: Support for Business Improvement Districts

Moved by Councillor Peatfield, seconded by Councillor Dhindsa:

Council acknowledges the struggle of Derby City Centre businesses through the lockdowns of 2020 and the ongoing restrictions.

Council recognises that Cathedral Quarter and St Peters Quarter Business Improvement Districts have provided essential business support, security and continuity for Derby businesses and plays a vital role in our City's recovery.

Council notes with grave concern that as a result of funding issues, St Peters Quarter BID will have no choice but to cease operations beyond July 2021 and Cathedral Quarter BID will likely follow thereafter.

Council therefore resolves to request that the Council Cabinet underwrite the 2020/21 Levy shortfall in order to ensure their continued support of Derby's recovery, allowing St Peters Quarter to enter into the BID renewal process and Cathedral Quarter BID to finish its current term.

13. Notice of Motion: Derby's Children and Young People deserve better

Moved by Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Hezelgrave:

Council notes that children and young people in Derby have had two academic years of education disrupted by Covid. This comes after many years of below average educational performance in the city and which, in 2018-19, showed a downward trajectory in secondary schools and, in 2019, was below the expected standard in primaries.

Council also notes that the Government's Education Recovery Commissioner, Kevan Collins, and the Bright Future Task force of education experts, recommended a £15 billion national plan for education catch-up funding, in response to which the Government plan to provide just one tenth of that sum. 99% of children will receive no catch-up funded tutoring whatsoever. In Derby, just £1,437,210 has been provided in the summer payment to Derby schools for catch-up work which, given the 44,965 children in Derby's schools, amounts to a paltry £31.96 per pupil. The Education Opportunity Area Board has described Derby as a social mobility cold spot; these levels of catch-up funding risk freezing the children of Derby out of any viable future.

Council further notes that the Council still has a statutory responsibility for overall education outcomes.

Given the detrimental effects of the Covid pandemic on children and young people's education, and the urgent need to deliver better education outcomes in Derby, Council resolves that the Leader of the Council should:

- 1. immediately contact the Secretary of State to demand catch-up funding for Derby at the level recommended by Kevan Collins and provide evidence of that communication to Full Council
- 2. write to the Secretary of State to urge him to develop a 5-year strategy for pandemic recovery measures in education
- 3. early in the autumn term, contact Derby schools to request feedback on catch-up provision, notably how many children and young people are receiving funded catch-up tutoring and help, and to obtain details of the kind of help being delivered.

14. Notice of motion: Allestree Golf Course and Hall

Moved by Councillor Skelton, seconded by Councillor Repton:

In January 2020 the Council advertised the opportunity to operate Allestree Golf Course via an online subscription-only magazine and some local publicity. The Hall was separately offered for sale via estate agents. No publicity was done in the specialist golfing media.

Since the announcement of the Council's preferred bidder, questions have been asked by the campaign group Save Allestree Golf Course (see their website www.saveallestreegolfcourse.co.uk) expressing concerns about various aspects of the process used to choose the successful bidder for the Hall and the knock-on effects of that choice on the process to find a private organisation to operate the course as a separate entity.

Council notes with concern the current situation regarding Allestree Park Golf Course and Allestree Hall. Of particular concern is the process used to identify potential bidders. Serious bidders have since come forward with credible plans. They were not reached by the Council's initial publicity.

The separating of the Hall from the Golf Course means facilities essential for running the Golf Course are not available e.g. the irrigation system controls and the water tank are within the curtilage of the Hall. In fact the preferred bidder's plans would see the water tank destroyed. This is despite it being covered by the Grade II* listing.

Basic research has revealed that the Golf Course was designed by the much-acclaimed golf course designer Harry S Colt, yet no mention was made of this in any of the publicity the Council did.

Council therefore requests that Cabinet and Council officers do not give a further time extension to the company that, although the preferred bidder, has been unable to finalise the deal.

Council also requests that Cabinet and Council officers ask Marketing Derby to identify suitable organisations who are interested in operating the Hall and Golf Course in an integrated manner or the golf course as a separate entity.

15. Notice of motion: Alterations to the Wildlife and Countryside Act

Moved by Councillor Carr, seconded by Councillor Naitta:

Derby City Council notes with concern that significant changes are being proposed as part of the regular five yearly review of the schedule of protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981).

The Act currently gives protection to vulnerable wildlife, at risk due to persecution, population decline and other threats. This includes iconic species like red squirrels and water voles, and amazingly named plants like Derbyshire feather moss and greater yellow-rattle. The current review proposes only including species in 'imminent threat of extinction' on the protected lists.

Council further notes that over 30 conservation non-Governmental organisations have written an open letter objecting to the change in eligibility criteria for species to be on a protected list. They highlight that the proposed change would:

- undermine the work done to protect these species
- make trade and movement of wild-caught specimens legal which increases risk of disease spread
- require costly research to identify which species are at severe risk of extinction in the UK, and
- mean that we will only be reacting to catastrophic species declines not preventing species decline.

Council notes that a biodiversity plan for the city is currently in preparation and that the proposed changes could make it harder to protect notable local species, like the white letter hairstreak butterfly and white-clawed (or Atlantic stream) crayfish, if this change goes ahead.

Council therefore agrees to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and our local MPs, objecting to the proposed change in eligibility criteria as part of this five yearly review of the protected species schedules.

Emily Feenan Monitoring Officer