

Time commenced - 18.01  
Time finished - 18:58

## **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

### **23 September 2020**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Frank Harwood, and Councillors Ashburner, Atwal, Barker, Bettany, Carr, Care, Cooper, Dhindsa, Eldret, Evans, Froggatt, A J Graves, A W Graves, 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, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Stanton, Testro, Webb, West, Williams, Willoughby and Wood.

### **33/20 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Repton.

### **34/20 Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

### **35/20 Derby's Electoral Cycle**

A report of the Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services, in their capacity as Electoral Registration Officer, was considered.

It was noted that in November 2019 Council had resolved to undertake a public consultation and to engage with stakeholders across the city with regards to changing the current electoral cycle of election by thirds to whole council elections.

It was reported that a public consultation exercise had taken place between 27 January and 23 March 2020, which had received 501 individual responses. A summary of the results of the consultation was presented to councillors for consideration, alongside other representations received from partner organisations in Derby.

The report also detailed the statutory requirements to which any vote to alter the electoral cycle must adhere. This included the need to hold an Extraordinary meeting of the Council to consider the matter and that a two-thirds majority of voting councillors was required in order to implement the change.

It was moved by Councillor Barker, and seconded by Councillor Poulter, that:

*Council resolves to move to four-yearly 'all council' elections, where all councillors will be elected collectively for a period of four years commencing with local elections to be held in 2022.*

*Council requests that the Director of Legal, Procurement and Democratic Services, as Electoral Registration Officer, notifies the Electoral Commission and makes any such statutory arrangements as are necessary to facilitate this change.*

It was moved by Councillor Poulter and seconded by Councillor Ingall that the motion be amended by the addition of the words 'defer consideration of a' in the first sentence; the deletion of 'commencing with local elections to be held in 2022' and the addition of the following words in its place:

"until the implications of the Government's white paper on local government reorganisation are fully understood and such time as the full Council adopts an agreed position on Local Government Review, following the receipt of recommendations made by the Council Cabinet."

And, the deletion of the final paragraph in its entirety.

The amendment was put to the vote and lost.

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MAYOR