

COUNCIL**Wednesday, 12th October, 2016**

Present:-

Councillor Brunt (The Mayor)

Councillors	Bagley	Councillors	Elliott
	J Barr		Flood
	P Barr		P Gilby
	Bellamy		T Gilby
	Bingham		Hill
	Blank		Hitchin
	Borrell		Hollingworth
	Brady		Huckle
	Brittain		J Innes
	Brown		P Innes
	Burrows		Miles
	Callan		A Murphy
	Catt		T Murphy
	Caulfield		Niblock
	D Collins		Rayner
	Davenport		Redihough
	Derbyshire		Sarvent
	Dickinson		Serjeant
	A Diouf		Simmons
	V Diouf		Slack
	Dyke		Wall

36 MINUTES**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 7 September, 2016 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

37 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.

The Mayor referred with sadness to the death of former Councillor Terry Hawkins. Members stood for a minutes silence in his honour.

The Mayor also referred to the following Mayoral engagements:

- Starting, and taking part in the Chesterfield Half Marathon;
- Attending several events as part of the Chatsworth Road Festival;
- Attending the parade and service at St Mary and All Saints Parish Church to mark Chesterfield College's Graduates receiving their degree awards.

The Mayor provided an update on his appeal fundraising activities, and noted the success of the recent Mayor's Open Golf Day at Tapton Park Golf Club and the upcoming Sporting Dinner featuring Mathew Hoggard MBE, at the Proact Stadium.

38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lisa Collins and Ludlow.

39 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

No declarations of interest were received.

40 PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

There were no questions.

41 PETITIONS TO COUNCIL

No petitions had been received.

42 QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER

Under Standing Order No.14 the Leader was asked about the opening of the new Derby University Chesterfield Campus.

The Leader provided a verbal response.

43 **ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - 2016/17**

The Chief Executive reported that he had undertaken a review of the political balance of Committees in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, following the notification to him of a change to political groups within the Borough Council, as with effect from 5 October, 2016, Councillor Jeannie Barr had stated that she wished to be recognised as an Independent member.

RESOLVED –

That the recent changes to the political composition of the Council be noted and that the following changes to the membership of Committees as proposed by the political groups be approved:-

Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum

- removal of Councillor J Barr as a Liberal Democrat member
- addition of Councillor J Barr as an Independent member

Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee

- removal of Councillor J Barr as a Liberal Democrat member
- addition of Councillor Niblock as a Liberal Democrat member

Licensing Committee

- removal of Councillor J Barr as a Liberal Democrat member
- addition of Councillor J Barr as an Independent member

44 **CONSTITUTION UPDATES**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report to seek member approval for updates to the council's Constitution. The current form of the Constitution had been in place since the early 2000's and had followed a standard government model proposed at the time. The report noted that in order to ensure that the Constitution reflected current council practices, functions and structures, as well as enabling efficient working of the authority it required some updates and amendments.

The report recommended a range of changes to the Constitution including amendments that reflected the current senior officer structure, changes to

delegations, updates to financial procedures and thresholds as well as other amendments that reflected current practices and decision making structures within the council.

RESOLVED –

1. That the amendments to the Constitution as detailed in the officer's report be approved.
2. That the delegations reflecting the new Corporate Management Team structure be confirmed.
3. That the Constitution, as amended, be endorsed and published.

45 TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2015/16 AND MONITORING REPORT 2016/17

Pursuant to Standards and Audit Committee Minute No. 15, the Acting Chief Finance Officer submitted a report on the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2015/16 and Treasury Management activities for the first five months of 2016/17.

RESOLVED –

1. That the outturn Prudential Indicators for 2015/16 be approved.
2. That the treasury management stewardship report for 2015/16 be approved.
3. That the treasury management position for the first five months of 2016/17 be noted.

46 UPDATE ON THE GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No.77 the Acting Chief Finance Officer submitted a report to provide members with an update on the General Fund Capital Programme. The Capital Programme for 2016/17 had been approved as part of the budget setting process in February 2016 and included two major capital schemes, the new Queens Park Sports Centre and the Waterside scheme.

The report provided details on the progress of current major capital schemes including the new Queen's Park Sports Centre as well as the demolition of the old centre, along with details of new schemes which had recently been approved and that required inclusion in the capital programme. The report also gave information on the financing of the schemes and details of capital receipts for the current year, as well as forecasts of receipts for subsequent years.

A prioritised list of capital schemes to go on a waiting list, pending the availability of capital receipts was also provided for information.

RESOLVED -

1. That the updated General Fund Capital Programme expenditure and financing, including provision for the demolition of Queens Park Sports Centre, and increased spending on Disabled Facilities Grants be approved.
2. That the new capital schemes, as detailed at paragraph 6.1 of the officer's report, be added to the Capital Programme.
3. That the prioritised list of "waiting list" schemes be noted pending the availability of additional capital receipts.

47 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the following Committees be noted:-

Appeals and Regulatory Committee of 27 July, 3, 10, 24 and 31 August and 7, 14 and 21 September, 2016.

Licensing Committee of 27 July and 17 August, 2016.

Planning Committee of 8 and 30 August and 19 September, 2016.

Standards and Audit Committee of 22 June and 12 July, 2016.

48 MINUTES OF THE CABINET**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meetings of Cabinet of 26 July and 20 September, 2016 be noted.

49 MINUTES OF THE JOINT CABINET AND EMPLOYMENT AND GENERAL COMMITTEE**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Cabinet and Employment and General Committee of 26 July, 2016 be noted.

50 MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY FORUM**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum of 14 June and 6 September, 2016 be approved.

51 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY, CUSTOMER AND ORGANISATIONAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**RESOLVED -**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community, Customer and Organisational Scrutiny Committee of 5 July, 2016 be approved.

52 MINUTES OF THE ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee of 2 August, 2016 be approved.

53 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 19

There were no questions.

54 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO.21

It was moved by Councillor Tricia Gilby and seconded by Councillor Sarvent that,

“The council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6 April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little or no personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six year increase to their state pension age. Many women born in the 1950s are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment. Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute – it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time. The issue is that the rise in the women’s state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

The council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6 April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.”

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried.