

COUNCIL**Wednesday, 18th October, 2023**

Present:-

Councillor Brady (Chair)

Councillors	Baldauf-Good	Councillors	J Innes
	B Bingham		P Innes
	J Bingham		Jacobs
	Blakemore		Kellman
	Brady		McLaren
	Brittain		Ogle
	Brock		Perkins
	Callan		Redihough
	Caulfield		Ridgway
	Culley		Sarvent
	Davenport		Serjeant
	Davies		Snowdon
	Falconer		Staton
	Flood		Stone
	P Gilby		Thornton
	Hollingworth		Twigg
	Holmes		Yates
	J Innes		

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

29 **TO APPROVE AS CORRECT RECORDS THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 19 JULY AND 18 SEPTEMBER, 2023**

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings of Council held on 19 July and 18 September, 2023 be approved as correct records and be signed by the Chair.

30 **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor informed Council of the following events which he and the Mayoress had attended:

- The Annual Mayor's Cup competition held at Chesterfield Bowls Club where the Mayor presented the winners with the Mayor's Cup. The Mayor had expressed his thanks to the Club for raising £350 towards the Mayor's Appeal.
- Chatsworth Country Fair. The Mayor had particularly enjoyed watching the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery. Over lunch the Mayor had also spoken with Lord and Lady Burlington and with Alan Titchmarsh.
- The Chesterfield in Bloom awards where the Mayor had the pleasure of presenting awards to participating school children, residents and businesses. The Mayor also expressed his delight at the news that Chesterfield had received the awards for 'Best Small City' and 'Least Littered Community' in this year's East Midlands in Bloom awards.
- The High Sheriff's Legal Service at Derby Cathedral where the work of this year's High Sheriff, Theresa Peltier had been recognised and celebrated.

The Mayor and Mayoress had welcomed Honor Graham into the Mayor's Parlour to celebrate her 100th Birthday. Mrs Graham's family had travelled from New Zealand to join her for her special celebration.

The Mayor's Chaplain, Stephen Wright, had hosted a Cheese and Wine event in August, which had raised £1,146 for the Mayor's chosen charities, 'Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust' and 'The Royal Hospital Charity'.

Finally, the Mayor invited Members to join him and the Mayoress for the annual Remembrance Service on Sunday 12 November, where the borough's residents would come together to honour those who lost their lives.

31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dyke, Miles, Niblock, Thompson and Wheeldon.

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

No declarations were received.

33 PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

No questions had been received.

34 PETITIONS TO COUNCIL

No petitions had been received.

35 QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER

Under Standing Order No. 14 Members asked the following questions:

Councillor Kellman asked the Leader for an update on any plans for redeveloping the Walton Works site.

The Leader gave a verbal response explaining how disappointing it was that there were still no firm proposals for redevelopment of the Walton Works site. It wasn't through any lack of effort on the part of the council who had offered advice and support on multiple occasions to the landowners on different schemes and introduced prospective developers and occupiers to the landowners.

Councillor Bingham asked for an update on any plans for the Black and White buildings on Knifsmithgate.

The Leader gave a verbal response indicating that she was not aware of any current plans for the buildings, which were in private ownership.

Councillor Falconer asked if legal action had yet been completed and whether Chesterfield Borough Council would see any compensation or have to bear the full costs of the houses that were built in 2019 and shortly after demolished at Rufford Close, Boythorpe.

The Leader responded that there had been legal proceedings, but as she didn't precisely know the outcome, she would consult with the Council's

legal team about how much could be disclosed. The Leader committed to providing a written reply to Cllr Falconer.

Councillor Hollingworth asked if there were any plans to occupy the time of Chesterfield Museum staff whilst the Stephenson Memorial Hall renovations were taking place.

The Leader gave a verbal response explaining that the Museum's staff were still very active. Museum artifacts were now displayed at multiple locations across the borough, and staff were regular contributors at town centre festivals and events for example, the recent 60's music event at the Pavements Shopping Centre.

Councillor Snowdon asked if the Leader could confirm how many consultants and contract staff were employed by the Council and at what cost.

The Leader gave a verbal response explaining that the Council only used consultants and contract staff where there were capacity challenges and / or where specific skills were needed to supplement the skills of the Council's existing workforce. Cllr Snowdon was advised to speak with the Council's Service Director for Finance, Theresa Channell for specific details on the costs of employing consultants and contract staff.

36 CHANGES TO COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS 2023/24

The Democratic and Elections Manager submitted a report to Council proposing changes to Committee appointments for the 2023/24 municipal year.

RESOLVED –

That the following changes to Committee appointments for the 2023/24 municipal year as proposed by the Leader of the majority group be approved.

Appeals and Regulatory Committee:

- removal of Councillor Brady as a Labour group member
- addition of Councillor Brittain as a Labour group member

Health and Safety Committee:

- removal of Councillor Brittain as a Labour group member
- addition of Councillor P Innes as a Labour group member.

37 STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

Pursuant to Standards and Audit Committee Minute No. 56 (2023/24), the Head of the Internal Audit Consortium and the Chair of the Standards and Audit Committee submitted a report for Members to consider the Annual Report of the Standards and Audit Committee, attached at Appendix 1 to the officer's report, which summarised the Committee's work during the financial year 2022/23.

RESOLVED –

That the Annual Report of the Standards and Audit Committee for 2022/23 be approved.

38 TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 AND MONITORING REPORT 2023/24

Pursuant to Standards and Audit Committee Minute No. 70 (2023/24), the Head of Finance and Accountancy submitted a report for members to consider the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2022/23 and a Monitoring Report on the Council's treasury management activities for the first five months of 2023/24.

RESOLVED –

1. The outturn Prudential Indicators for 2022/23 be approved.
2. The Treasury Management Stewardship Report for 2022/23 be approved.
3. The Treasury Management position for the first five months of 2023/24 be noted.
4. The revised Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for the financial year 2023/24 be approved.

39 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the following Committees be noted:

- Appeals and Regulatory Committee of 26 July and 13 September, 2023.
- Licensing Committee of 27 September, 2023.
- Planning Committee of 24 July, 21 August and 11 September, 2023.
- Standards and Audit Committee of 12 July, 9 August and 13 September, 2023.

40 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF CABINET OF 20 JUNE, 18 JULY AND 19 SEPTEMBER, 2023

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings of Cabinet of 20 June, 18 July and 19 September, 2023 be noted.

41 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT CABINET AND EMPLOYMENT AND GENERAL COMMITTEE OF 18 JULY, 2023

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Cabinet and Employment and General Committee of 18 July, 2023 be noted.

42 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE - ECONOMIC GROWTH AND COMMUNITIES OF 13 JULY, 2023

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Select Committee – Economic Growth and Communities of 13 July, 2023 be noted.

43 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCRUTINY SELECT COMMITTEE - RESILIENT COUNCIL OF 6 JULY, 2023

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Select Committee – Resilient Council of 6 July, 2023 be noted.

44 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 19**

There were no questions.