

**COUNCIL****Wednesday, 7th September, 2016**

Present:-

Councillor Brunt (The Mayor)

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| Councillors | Bagley     | Councillors | Dickinson |
|             | J Barr     |             | A Diouf   |
|             | P Barr     |             | V Diouf   |
|             | Bellamy    |             | Flood     |
|             | Bingham    |             | Hill      |
|             | Blank      |             | Huckle    |
|             | Borrell    |             | P Innes   |
|             | Brady      |             | Ludlow    |
|             | Brown      |             | Miles     |
|             | Burrows    |             | A Murphy  |
|             | Callan     |             | Perkins   |
|             | Caulfield  |             | Serjeant  |
|             | D Collins  |             | Simmons   |
|             | L Collins  |             | Slack     |
|             | Davenport  |             | Wall      |
|             | Derbyshire |             |           |

**27 MINUTES****RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 July, 2016 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

**28 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

The Mayor referred to the following Mayoral engagements:

- Visiting the Brampton Potteries Festival;
- Attending the Parkside School Awards Ceremony at the Proact Stadium;

- Welcoming overseas guests to Chesterfield from Spain, Odisia in India and Darmstadt in Germany.

The Mayor provided an update on his fundraising activities which included entering a relay team from Chesterfield Borough Council into the Chesterfield Half Marathon on 2 October, 2016; the Mayor appealed for a fourth Member to complete the team.

## 29 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bexton, Brittain, Dyke, Elliott, P Gilby, T Gilby, Hitchin, J Innes, T Murphy, Niblock, Rayner, Redihough and Sarvent.

## 30 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.**

No declarations of interest were received.

## 31 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

Under Standing Order No.12 Mr Max Kerley asked the following question:

“The Sheffield City Region devolution deal includes an elected mayor for the region and this is very unpopular with Chesterfield residents. Given the recent announcement from the Prime Minister’s office that devolution deals are now not necessarily dependent on the inclusion of an elected mayor, will CBC now reverse its decision to join the SCR and support a Derbyshire devolution deal which will still provide access to devolved funding, which will build on long-established administrative structures and mechanisms but which does not require ceding power over Chesterfield issues to the elected mayor in Sheffield?”

The Leader provided a verbal response to the question as well as to Mr Kerley’s supplementary question.

## 32 **PETITIONS TO COUNCIL**

No petitions had been received.

**33 QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER**

There were no questions.

**34 DECISION REGARDING FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE SHEFFIELD CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY**

The Chief Executive submitted a report to update members on the implementation of the Council's decision to apply to be a full constituent member of the Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority and to enable members to consider provisional independent analysis of the outcomes of the Sheffield City Region Devolution Consultation Exercise. The report also updated members on the legal action commenced by Derbyshire County Council against the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority seeking to challenge the Devolution Consultation Exercise.

Members had previously resolved to apply to be a full constituent member of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority at the meeting of Council held on 6 April, 2016. In addition, Members delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in liaison with the Leader, to take the necessary further steps as part of the process to put into effect that resolution. In line with the statutory process, a Governance Review had been carried out and a Scheme of Governance drafted for the proposed Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, made the delegated decision on 27 June, 2016 to endorse the publication of documents that formed the Governance Review and Scheme of Governance for a Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority for consultation.

The Chief Executive presented to Members the results of the consultation process which had taken place from 1 July to 12 August, 2016 which included the findings of the online questionnaire hosted, and independently analysed by Ipsos MORI as well as an analysis of Derbyshire County Council's consultation response. The summary of the outcomes of the consultation process concluded that, despite a widespread Derbyshire County Council led campaign against the proposals, there had been a good response and strong support for the devolution proposals in Chesterfield.

Members were asked to consider the recommendation that a planned submission for the expansion of the Combined Authority by Sheffield City Region Combined Authority area to include Chesterfield Borough to the

Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government be endorsed.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That Chesterfield Borough Council agrees to delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader to consider the full analysis of the outcomes of the Sheffield City Region Devolution Consultation Exercise and any consequential revisions that may need to be made to the Governance Review and Scheme of Governance and, if appropriate, taking full account of that analysis and opinions expressed by members at the council meeting on the provisional independent analysis of the outcomes of the Sheffield City Region Devolution Consultation Exercise to:
  - a) endorse the planned submission by Sheffield City Region Combined Authority to the Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government of key documents relating to the establishment of a Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority; and
  - b) consent to the parliamentary order for the Sheffield City Region Mayoral Combined Authority to be laid.
2. That the legal challenge commenced by Derbyshire County Council against the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority seeking to challenge the Devolution Consultation Exercise be noted and that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Regulatory and Local Government Law Manager, be authorised to take any steps as appropriate in connection with the challenge.

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

There were no questions.