

**COUNCIL****Wednesday, 21st July, 2021**

Present:-

Councillor G Falconer (Chair)

Councillors	Barr	Councillors	P Innes
	Bingham		Kellman
	Blakemore		Kelly
	Blank		Ludlow
	Borrell		Mann
	Brittain		Marriott
	Callan		Miles
	Caulfield		A Murphy
	D Collins		T Murphy
	L Collins		P Niblock
	Coy		S Niblock
	Davenport		Perkins
	Dyke		Perry
	K Falconer		Rayner
	Flood		Rogers
	Fordham		Sarvent
	P Gilby		Serjeant
	T Gilby		Simmons
	Holmes		Snowdon
	J Innes		Thornton

\*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

**5 MINUTES OF COUNCIL****RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 28 April, 2021 and 29 April, 2021 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

**6 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor referred with sadness to the recent deaths of former Mayor and Councillor Fred Quayle and local sporting hero Ernie Moss. A minute's silence was held in their honour.

The Mayor expressed her delight at once again being able to attend engagements in person and summarised recent events which she and the consort had attended including:

- A visit to the Chesterfield Sea Cadets at Wallis Barracks where the Mayor's cadets were invested, and the unit was observed rehearsing for the Mayor's Civic Parade.
- The Centenary Parade of the Royal British Legion to mark their special year followed by refreshments at their headquarters.
- The first ever NHS, Social Care and Frontline Worker's Day on Monday 5th July to pay tribute to the fantastic NHS, social care and frontline workers who had gone above and beyond the call of duty during the last eighteen months.

The Mayor invited all members to join her at her Gala Dinner to be held at the Technique Stadium on Friday 11th March 2022, in support of the Mayor's Appeal Charities.

## **7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bagshaw, Bellamy, Brady, Catt, Hollingworth, Mannion-Brunt and Redihough.

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

Helen Fox, Chief Accountant declared an interest in agenda item 15 as the report proposed changes to the remuneration of the post that she was currently appointed to on an interim basis.

## **9 PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

Under Standing Order No. 12, the following question was asked on behalf of Dr Dawn Ward:

“What financial and informative support do the council plan to offer to homeowners to enable them to make the necessary steps needed to allow the LA area and the UK as a whole to achieve zero carbon

emissions by 2050, such as taking steps to ensure homeowners are aware they could also qualify for free external insulation if they are on streets which have LA homes undergoing the same?”

Councillor Serjeant provided a verbal response advising that the Council had been successful in securing almost £1.5 million from the Green Homes Grant scheme. 21 properties had already been assessed and workplans developed, and a targeted approach would be implemented for the next tranche of properties. The Council would continue to apply for further funding and advice for residents would be available via the Council’s website, social media channels and Your Chesterfield magazine, and also direct from the private sector housing team. Councillor Serjeant affirmed that the Council is committed to helping to influence positive change in the actions of the borough’s homeowners, private sector landlords and private sector tenants, and to also improving the energy efficiency of the 9,000 homes for which the council is itself the landlord.

Under Standing Order No. 12, the following question was asked on behalf of Darryl Cowley:

“The government statistics suggest that Chesterfield Borough’s carbon emissions (within the scope of influence of the Local Authority) were 417 million tonnes in 2019, 8% lower than 2018). What is the council’s estimate of how much of this carbon will be reduced by the full implementation of the Council’s Climate Action Plan, and how much carbon has been reduced as a result of the Plan since it was passed in March 2020? Given that the Tyndall Carbon budget suggests Chesterfield needs to deliver cuts in emissions averaging a minimum of -13.3% per year to deliver a Paris aligned carbon budget what additional action will be taken to meet this shortfall?”

Councillor Serjeant provided a verbal response confirming that the most recent figures from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy showed the total emissions for Chesterfield Borough in 2019 stood at 417,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent; a relatively low annual per capita figure, 15% below the national average. Through its Climate Change Action Plan, the Council had committed resources to multiple actions to reduce its carbon emissions. The Council was also actively developing options for a carbon accounting protocol and calling upon Government to establish a clear national framework for carbon accounting and reporting.

Under Standing Order No. 12, the following question was asked by Stephanie Futchter:

“We have seen during the Covid crisis how willing people are to change their behaviour and work together for the public good if they have a clear understanding of the threats, the science and what is required of them in an unprecedented situation. Two years on from your declaration of a climate emergency what steps have the council taken to assess public awareness of the dangers of the climate crisis and what key messages are you putting across to explain the science and harness residents' goodwill and cooperation in transforming their lives in this even greater crisis? What training are you providing for staff and members in the communication skills necessary to meet this challenge?”

Councillor Serjeant provided a verbal response confirming that the Council had a comprehensive climate change communications and engagement strategy and was working hard to make climate change messaging integral to all its activities and communications while also supporting the work of partners. A wide variety of climate change themed content had been promoted through the Council's social media channels over just the past few weeks. Councillor Serjeant spoke of the importance of engaging with children and young people and cited the example of a recent design challenge that the Council had run in partnership with local schools and Spanish train manufacturer Talgo.

Several senior officers had already received carbon literacy training. The plan was to cascade the training through the management tiers to frontline staff using 'a train the trainer' approach. Councillor Serjeant also confirmed that elected members would start to receive carbon literacy training from September.

Under Standing Order No. 12, the following question was asked on behalf of Greg Hewitt:

“In this crucial year for climate action with COP26 international climate talks coming up, other than the council magazine and social media, what will the council be doing to raise awareness, inspire and mobilise the Chesterfield public and businesses into taking action to reduce their carbon emissions?”

Councillor Serjeant provided a verbal response confirming that the Council had a comprehensive climate change communications and engagement strategy and was working hard to make climate change messaging integral to all its activities and communications. An example of this was the recent Chesterfield in Bloom campaign, which reached out to thousands of people across the Borough. The theme for 2021 was climate change and recycling.

Under Standing Order No. 12, the following question was asked on behalf of Margaret Hersee:

“Council members and officers have a central role in the life of Chesterfield residents and are therefore in a unique position to raise the level of debate in the community on climate issues. This could be through daily interactions with the public and, in addition, through the potential of holding and contributing towards local community events. The Council’s Climate Action Plan states it will “Leverage internal communications and engagement channels to bring council officers and members on board and considering effect on climate in all that they do”. One way of effectively helping to deliver this aim would be for Chesterfield Borough Councillors to undergo Carbon Literacy training. As of end June 2021, how many Chesterfield Borough Councillors have undergone Carbon Literacy training and by which date do you expect that all Councillors will have undergone such training?”

Councillor Serjeant provided a verbal response advising that several senior officers had already received carbon literacy training and that plans were in place for the training to be cascaded down through the organisation using a phased approach designed to reach all Council staff. Twenty places had been secured for elected members to receive the training in September with the rest to receive the training later this calendar year.

Councillor Serjeant referenced the Council’s “Year of the Outdoors” project, which encouraged Chesterfield residents to reduce their carbon footprint by using active travel, accessing local provision and growing their own food.

School children had been taking part in sustainability challenges in partnership with local businesses, and the Council’s Local Democracy campaign in 2021/22 had climate change as its theme. The Council was also encouraging people to shop local through its “Love Chesterfield” campaign to help reduce their individual carbon travel footprints.

Through these activities and many more besides the Council hoped to enable residents, businesses and visitors to make active choices about reducing their carbon emissions.

Under Standing Order No. 12, the following question was asked on behalf of Lisa Hopkinson:

“Road transport (mainly cars) is one of the biggest contributors to carbon dioxide emissions in the borough and emissions have flatlined in recent years. The Committee on Climate Change and the government have both acknowledged that we need to use our cars less to achieve carbon targets. Both for climate reasons, and for the quarter of households in Chesterfield that don't have a car, we need to provide affordable, convenient and safe alternatives to travel such as improved public transport, and segregated walking and cycling routes. One of the actions in the Climate Action Plan was to “*commission a strategic assessment of integrated Transport within the Borough to support our communities making the transition to sustainable modes of transport.*” We have been told that the Council has now commissioned this assessment. What is the scope and aims of the assessment i.e., the terms of reference and who is conducting this assessment?”

Councillor Serjeant provided a verbal response affirming that the Council had been working on a traffic model to better inform the work involved in commissioning a strategic assessment of integrated transport and that model had been completed. Derbyshire County Council was separately planning to produce an Integrated Transport Plan for Derbyshire and the intention was to also feed into and influence the work being carried out at a county level. The aims and objectives of the strategic assessment were now in draft form, and these were now subject to agreement with key stakeholders.

Councillor Serjeant listed the 3 draft aims for the strategic assessment as being; to deliver sustainable transport priorities that respond to the climate emergency, secondly to set out how strategic objectives for transport and future projects could be delivered, finally, to identify how the Council will support and implement actions through the vehicle of an Integrated Transport Plan.

Councillor Serjeant also referenced the Council's Local Plan, which sought to include the proposed Chesterfield Strategic Cycle Network into

decision making on new development and regeneration. The Council would also be working with Derbyshire County Council on the development of a Bus Service Improvement Plan as part of the National Bus Strategy.

Under Standing Order No. 12, the following question was asked on behalf of Alistair Meikle:

“What progress has been made about the railway station masterplan following the completion of the public consultation?”

Councillor Dean Collins provided a verbal response confirming that the public consultation had ended on 8 March 2021. The consultation responses had been used to inform the final version of the railway station masterplan, which had been approved by the Council’s Cabinet on 20 July 2021. Councillor Collins added that the new station link road had now received planning approval and the demolition of the former Chesterfield Hotel was expected to take place later this calendar year.

## 10 **PETITIONS TO COUNCIL**

No petitions had been received.

## 11 **QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER**

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

- Councillor Bingham asked why Tapton House had been left to deteriorate with its window frames and sills exposed to the elements. The Councillor questioned whether it was more cost effective to maintain the windows rather than have to replace them.

The Leader provided a verbal response, confirming that Tapton House was a very important property, built by a member of the Markham family and once home to George Stephenson. Members were assured that the Council was actively marketing the property to find the right tenant to invest in its future. The Leader also confirmed that the property had been made watertight and secure to avoid any further deterioration to its present condition. A number of viewings had already been conducted.

- Councillor Fordham noted that Chesterfield Borough Council members who were also members of Derbyshire County Council

had voted in support of declaring a Climate Change Emergency. Councillor Fordham asked what advice the Leader would give to members who had to vote one way at the County Council and the opposite way at the Borough Council?

The Leader provided a verbal response explaining that members must approach each situation they face with consideration to the role that they are carrying out. The Leader had not seen evidence to indicate that any member had contradicted the climate change emergency declared by Chesterfield Borough Council.

- Councillor Borrell asked that access to historical artefacts be improved for the people of Chesterfield following the temporary housing of objects from Stephenson Memorial Hall in town centre venues.

The Leader provided a verbal response explaining that the Council was hopeful of securing Government Levelling Up Fund funding to support a substantial investment in Stephenson Memorial Hall which housed the Pomegranate Theatre and Chesterfield Museum. If secured, the funding would optimise the opportunities available for visitors to view the historical artefacts held at Chesterfield museum. Whilst the renovations were being carried out, museum artefacts would continue to be displayed for the people of Chesterfield to view at various town centre venues.

- Councillor Barr asked whether the renovation work carried out to the foundations of the Stephenson Memorial Hall as reported in the press that week was in response to the results of a survey that had been carried out.

The Leader informed Councillor Barr that he would receive a written response on this matter following the meeting.

- Councillor Holmes commented that on page 28 of the Council Plan it stated that whilst working on a definition of commercialisation, officers would be looking to create service efficiencies to reduce waste. The councillor asked if departments were not doing this already, then why not?

The Leader provided a verbal response confirming that defining commercialisation wasn't a straightforward concept. The Council would be taking forward a multi-faceted approach, for example, it had already

substantially reduced the running costs of the new Queens Park Sports Centre as compared to those of the old centre, which meant that the Council could continue to operate the sports centre through the pandemic when other Councils had closed their sports centres. Council departments were already making significant savings, as detailed in Your Chesterfield, and the proposed Tier 4 management restructuring process would help push the Council forward and support delivery of large scale efficiencies. This would continue to be the focus of the current political leadership.

- Councillor Snowdon expressed his disappointment that the Council had not submitted an application for a grant from the local authority decarbonisation fund. The Councillor asked the Leader to confirm whether lessons had been learnt from this missed opportunity, given that resources were so stretched.

The Leader gave a verbal response explaining that the current Government had now introduced competitive bidding processes for most funding streams, requiring Councils to work to challenging specifications and deadlines. These new processes took up large amounts of officer time. If successful, further officer resources then needed to be allocated to avoid the risk of Government clawing back funding. The Leader advised that there would be times when it was not possible to bid for everything, given the complexities and demands on officers already dealing with a global pandemic. The Leader had recently written to the Prime Minister asking that he reflects on the competitive bidding processes that now dictate how Government grant funding is allocated.

## 12 **BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 24 FEBRUARY, 2021**

It was moved by Councillor E Fordham and seconded by Councillor K Falconer that:

### **Chesterfield Bus and Coach Services**

This Council:

1. Notes and understands that the Pandemic has caused disruption and subsequent adjustment to many local and regional services.
2. Regrets that much of the specific information for individual bus stops across the Borough and at Chesterfield Coach Station have

been removed and not replaced and that responsibility for commissioning lies with DCC.

3. Understands that the coach station information centre has limited access under Covid-19, that most service information has gone on-line only, and this has led to increased passenger frustration.

4. Understands that there is growing concern over Bus Transport nationally in the context of Covid-19 and hears the Government urging people to avoid closed space public transport, whilst requiring buses and services to continue running.

5. Notes that the Climate Change Action Plan recommendation 15 “Raise with DCC and neighbouring districts options regarding local bus service regulation” reports “No progress to date”.

The council therefore commits to:

a. Encourage and enable residents across the Borough to feed in their experience of service issues, so problems can be identified and addressed.

b. Establish a Transport Partnership with DCC and neighbouring authorities to identify and resolve longer term issues with bus and coach services including addressing the commissioning of specific services.

c. Work with DCC and all bus and coach companies that serve the Borough to map and detail quite simply what bus and coach stops where and when and make this immediately available at each appropriate stop.

d. To make information on which services go to and from the Borough available on the CBC website and to enable on-line signposting to correct and up-to-date coach and bus services.

It was moved by Councillor D Collins and seconded by Councillor J Innes that the motion be amended to read as follows:

This Council:

1. Notes and understands that the Pandemic has caused disruption and subsequent adjustment to many local and regional services.

The Council therefore commits to:

- a. Continue to ensure that information on which services go to and from the Borough is available on the CBC website through a direct on-line link to Derbyshire County Council's up to date timetable information, maps, and links to bus operators' websites.
- b. Work closely, through existing collaborative working arrangements, with DCC and all bus and coach companies that serve the Borough to support the recovery of bus and coach services from the impacts of the pandemic, to safely increase passenger numbers, to encourage service accessibility for all, and to promote public transport usage as a contribution to carbon reduction and the Council's climate change action plan.

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

On being put to the vote the motion (as amended) was declared carried.

### **13 GENERAL FUND BUDGET OUTTURN 2020/21**

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No. 12 (2021/2022) the Acting Chief Finance Officer submitted a report on the General Fund Revenue and Capital Outturns for 2020/21. The report provided details of variations from the revised estimates and also sought approval for carry forward requests

#### **RESOLVED –**

That the report on the General Fund Revenue and Capital Outturns for 2020/21 be noted.

### **14 MONTH 2 BUDGET MONITORING 2021/22 AND UPDATED MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No.28 (2021/2022) the Acting Chief Finance Officer submitted a report outlining the budget position at the end of the second month, covering the General Fund Revenue budget, the General Fund Capital Programme and the Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Budgets.

**RESOLVED –**

1. The position of the General Fund Revenue account at the close of month two of the financial year 2021/22 and the updated medium term financial plan, as outlined in sections 4.2 and 4.5 of the officer's report, be noted.
2. The changes to the medium-term financial plan, as outlined in sections 4.2, 4.3 and 4.5 of the officer's report, be approved.
3. The funding for the posts outlined in paragraph 4.3.9 of the officer's report be approved.
4. The repurposing of the provision outlined in paragraph 4.4.5 of the officer's report be approved.
5. The updated General Fund Capital Programme outlined in section 4.6 of the officer's report be approved.
6. The proposals for financing the General Fund Capital Programme outlined in section 4.6 of the officer's report be approved.
7. The position of the Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital budgets at the close of month two of the financial year 2021/22, as outlined in section 4.7 of the officer's report, be noted.
8. The funding request outlined in section 4.7.1 of the officer's report be approved.

15

**EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No. 20 (2021/22), the Policy Officer submitted the Equality and Diversity Annual Report for 2020/21 to update members on improvements and achievements made in delivering equality and diversity across all the council's services.

**RESOLVED –**

1. The Equality and Diversity Annual Report be approved.

2. The Equality and Diversity Annual Report be published on the Council's website and circulated to partners

**16 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**

Pursuant to Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum Minute No. 8 (2021/22) the Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer submitted the Scrutiny Annual Report, attached as Appendix A to the officer's report, detailing the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees during 2020/21 and providing an outline of the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021/22.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2020/21 be approved.

**17 REPORT OF DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISIONS**

The Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer submitted a report on the decisions taken under the emergency delegated decision making powers approved by the Standards and Audit Committee in March, 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic; also referencing the special urgency provisions of the Access to Information Procedure Rules set out within the Council's constitution.

**RESOLVED –**

That the report of decisions taken under the special urgency provisions, attached at Appendix 1 of the officer's report, be noted.

**18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED –**

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

**19 PROPOSALS FOR RESTRUCTURE OF DIRECTORATE LEADERSHIP TEAMS**

The Cabinet Member for Business Transformation and Customers presented a report setting out proposals for the restructure of Directorate Leadership teams. It was explained that the changes would enable the Council to deliver on the Council Plan 2019-23 whilst sustaining an effective response to the challenges still presented by the pandemic, with a particular focus on supporting delivery of the Council's economic recovery and community recovery action plans.

The restructure would also deliver leadership resources to take forward the Council's organisational development programme, recognising the current pressures on the Medium-Term Financial Plan and the need to use resources wisely.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the following funding proposals be approved:

- Funding from General Fund reserves of up to £364,000 and up to £135,000 from the Housing Revenue Account working balance to fund the total one-off costs for the proposed 2-year fixed term appointments and supplementary estimates of £7,940 from the General Fund and £9,760 from the Housing Revenue Account to cover the costs of the proposed permanent changes in 2021/22.
- Ongoing funding of £49,490 from the General Fund and £20,940 from the Housing Revenue Account to cover the costs associated with the proposed permanent changes from 2022/23.

## **20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - RE-ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC**

### **RESOLVED –**

That the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

## **21 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the following Committees be noted:

- Appeals and Regulatory Committee of 26 May 2021, 2 June 2021 and 16 June 2021
- Licensing Committee of 9 June 2021 and 22 June 2021
- Planning Committee of 19 April 2021, 1 June 2021 and 21 June 2021
- Standards and Audit Committee of 21 April 2021

**22 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET OF 13 APRIL, 2021, 25 MAY, 2021, 15 JUNE, 2021 AND 6 JULY, 2021**

**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meetings of Cabinet of 13 April 2021, 25 May 2021, 15 June 2021 and 6 July 2021 be noted.

**23 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE JOINT CABINET AND EMPLOYMENT AND GENERAL COMMITTEE OF 13 APRIL, 2021**

**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Joint Cabinet and Employment and General Committee of 13 April 2021 be noted.

**24 TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY FORUM OF 18 MARCH, 2021 AND 10 JUNE, 2021**

**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum of 18 March 2021 and 10 June 2021 be approved.

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

Under Standing Order No. 19 Councillor Fordham asked the following question:

“To ask what engagement plans the Council has with regards to the Landscapes Review (lead by Julian Glover) and how might this be used to ensure our ambitions to be the Gateway to the Peak District are addressed and met?”

Councillor Sarvent provided a verbal response confirming that, following the publication of the report in 2019, the Council had obtained funding from the Green Recovery Challenge Fund to help improve green infrastructure and biodiversity at sites accessible to the public.

The Council’s emerging visitor economy strategy included an aim for Chesterfield to be the Gateway to the Peak District and the Council had already discussed with the Peak District National Park Authority various aspects including Proposal 12; better information and signs to guide visitors.

Proposal 19 promoted new approaches to coordinating public transport and new, more sustainable ways of accessing national landscapes which would be relevant to Chesterfield. Work was already underway with Peak Resort and the Peak District National Park Authority to provide more effective sustainable transport choices for visitors and the communities of Chesterfield to be able to access the National Park.

The Council was also working with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and Derbyshire County Council on mapping Natural Capital and Nature Recovery Networks and Cllr Sarvent referenced some fantastic places for wildlife and great partnership restoration projects already being delivered.

Under Standing Order No. 19 Councillor Fordham asked the following question:

“To ask how much progress has been made on the declared ambition to have segregated or separated rubbish bins to ensure greater recycling of plastic and glass across the Borough and in particular in residential streets and housing estates?”

Councillor Serjeant provided a verbal response advising that the use of segregated bins was being piloted and work carried out to determine how best to collect the waste and reduce levels of contamination. Delays had arisen due to the problems the Council had experienced with the performance of the kerbside waste recycling service contractor, which had now been resolved. The Council was also aware of planned Government reforms to waste collection that could result in major

changes for the sector. These would be given more detailed consideration in the autumn.

## **26 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 21**

It was moved by Councillor Serjeant and seconded by Councillor J Innes that:

### **Universal Credit**

The Chancellor has extended the £20 uplift to Universal Credit for six months in his March budget. Unemployment is expected to continue to rise into the new year.

The UK has one of the weakest welfare safety nets in Europe which has been cruelly exposed by the pandemic – and it would be wrong morally and financially to end the £20 uplift in the future.

The total number of households on Universal Credit across the Borough of Chesterfield is now over 6708. The removal of the £20 increase would cast many more into poverty.

The Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres notes the permanent increase in UC would not only give a financial boost to some of the county's most deprived families, but would have a positive impact on the local economy – and, therefore, strong reasons for local councils to put pressure on the chancellor.

We call on the Chesterfield Borough Council through the Leader of the Council to:

- Write to the Chancellor Rishi Sunak demanding that the £20 increase to Universal Credit is made permanent and extended to claimants on legacy benefits
- Urge the government to end the five week wait for Universal Credit by converting advances into grants instead of loans.
- Continue to work alongside partner organisations to provide help and assistance wherever possible to all those struggling during these difficult times.

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