

**COUNCIL MEETING****Wednesday, 15th October, 2014**

Present:-

The Mayor

Councillors	Allen	Hollingworth
	Bagley	Innes
	Barr	King
	Bingham	Lang
	Blank	Ludlow
	Borrell	McManus
	Brittain	Miles
	Brown	Avis Murphy
	Burrows	Tom Murphy
	Callan	Niblock
	Clarke	Parsons
	Collard	Mark Rayner
	Davenport	Neil Rayner
	Elliott	Russell
	Fanshawe	Serjeant
	Flood	Simmons
	Gilby	Slack
	Hawksworth	David Stone
	Higginbottom	Martin Stone
	Hill	Paul Stone

**31 MINUTES****RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30 July, 2014 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

**32 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor referred with sadness to the death of former Councillor and Mayor; Trudi Mulcaster. Members stood for a minutes silence in her honour.

The Mayor referred to the following Mayoral engagements:

- Hosting the visit of a Namibian paralympian athlete who was competing at the Commonwealth Games.
- Starting and awarding prizes to the winners at the Chesterfield and Derbyshire marathon.
- Attending several events to commemorate 100 years since the start of World War One.

He also referred to the success of the recent Chatsworth Road Festival and to recent and upcoming fundraising events for the Mayor's appeal.

**33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bellamy, Bradford, Dyke, Huckle and Morgan.

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

No declarations of interest were received.

**35 PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

There were no questions.

**36 PETITIONS TO COUNCIL**

No petitions had been received.

**37 CHANGE OF NAME OF THE INDEPENDENT GROUP**

The Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager submitted a report for Council to note that the Independent group wished to be known as the "UKIP and Independent Group" as from Wednesday 1 October 2014 and that Councillor Paul Stone is now a member of UKIP on the Council.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That the change of name of the Independent Group to the “UKIP and Independent Group” be noted and that the group be now known by that name.
2. That it be noted that Councillor Paul Stone is no longer an Independent member of the Council, but is now a member of UKIP on the Council.

**38 BUDGET MONITORING FOR 2014/2015 AND UPDATED MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No. 77 the Head of Finance submitted a report to update Council on budget variances in the current financial year. The report also highlighted future budget issues and provided an update on the medium term financial forecast. A number of measures were also outlined to tackle the forecast deficit positions in the short and medium-term.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That the budget monitoring report for April to July 2014 be approved.
2. That the previously approved funding commitments against the Council’s unearmarked reserves be further reviewed.
3. That the updated medium term forecasts, risks and savings targets be noted.
4. That the 2015/16 budget preparation guidelines be approved.
5. That the proposed approach to budget consultation be approved.
6. That the proposed short and medium term actions to address the forecast budget deficits in 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 be approved.

**39 BUSINESS RATES POOLING**

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No.96 the Head of Finance submitted a report to seek Council approval to the principle of the authority joining a Business Rates Pool for Derbyshire in 2015/16.

**RESOLVED –**

That the principle of the authority joining a Business Rates Pool for Derbyshire in 2015/16 be approved.

**40 TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14 AND MONITORING REPORT 2014/15**

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No.88 the Head of Finance submitted the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2013/14. A report on Treasury Management activities for the first five months of 2014/15 and details of the new contract for provision of banking services was also submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That the outturn Prudential Indicators for 2013/14 be noted.
2. That the treasury management stewardship report for 2013/14 be noted.
3. That the treasury management position for the first five months of 2014/15 be noted.
4. That the proposed changes to the investment arrangements and limits be approved.
5. That the new contract for provision of banking services with Lloyds Bank be noted.

**41 ANNUAL EVALUATION OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS**

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No.85 the Policy Manager and the Policy and Scrutiny Officer submitted the Annual Evaluation of Overview and Scrutiny Arrangements. The report came after the Council decision of 24

July, 2013 to evaluate and report on the implementation of the Council's new Overview and Scrutiny arrangements after a further 12 months of operation.

**RESOLVED –**

1. That an extended internal review of Overview and Scrutiny arrangements take place during 2014/15.
2. That the current Overview and Scrutiny committees and arrangements be retained until the 2014/15 review is completed.
3. That further training for Members and Officers be provided after the review has been completed.

**42 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No. 89 the Policy Officer submitted for approval the Council's Community Engagement Strategy 2014-2017. Since the strategy was last reviewed in 2009, there had been changes in legislative requirements and expectations of local authorities in terms of community engagement and participation.

**RESOLVED –**

That the Community Engagement Strategy 2014-2017 be approved and published.

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

**RESOLVED –**

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**44 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS FOR STANDARDS MATTERS**

The Monitoring Officer submitted a report to inform members about the recruitment process for Independent Persons who are to be consulted as

part of the councillor complaints process and to seek approval for two appointments to be made.

**RESOLVED –**

That the applicants recommended by the Chair of the Standards Committee and Monitoring Officer be appointed as Independent Persons for the purpose of giving views on complaints about councillors.

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

**RESOLVED –**

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**46 INNOVATION CENTRES' DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY AND UPGRADE WORKS**

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute No. 88 the Development and Growth Manager submitted a report for Council to approve an allocation of £203,790 from the Service Improvement Reserve to be repaid by the Innovation Centres over the next six years, to allow the Innovation Centres to undertake a programme of improvement works which will include a 1Gigabyte connection for the centres', new telephone facilities and refurbished conference suites.

**RESOLVED –**

That an allocation of £203,790 from the Service Improvement Reserve to be repaid by the Innovation Centres over the next six years be approved.

**47 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - RE-ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED –**

That the public be readmitted to the meeting.

**48 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS****RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the following Committees be noted:-

Appeals and Regulatory Committee of 16, 23 and 30 July, 6, 13, 20 and 27 August, 10, 17, 24 and 25 September and 1 October, 2014

Planning Committee of 4, 19, 26 August and 15 September, 2014

Planning Sub-Committee of 22 and 24 September, 2014

Standards and Audit Committee of 26 September, 2014

**49 MINUTES OF CABINET****RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet of 29 July, 9 and 23 September be noted.

**50 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 29 July, 2014 be noted.

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

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Performance Scrutiny Forum of 10 September, 2014 be approved.

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

**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Enterprise and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee of 31 July and 10 September, 2014 be approved.

**53** **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 20.**

There were no questions.