

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2019

Present:

Councillor Pat Antcliff (Vice-Chair)

Councillor William Armitage	Councillor Nigel Barker
Councillor Jayne Barry	Councillor Joseph Birkin
Councillor Kevin Bone	Councillor Patricia Bone
Councillor Stephen Clough	Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Suzy Cornwell	Councillor Charlotte Cupit
Councillor Alex Dale	Councillor Lilian Deighton
Councillor Peter Elliott	Councillor Mark Foster
Councillor John Funnell	Councillor Roger Hall
Councillor David Hancock	Councillor Lee Hartshorne
Councillor Anthony Hutchinson	Councillor Maggie Jones
Councillor Jeremy Kenyon	Councillor Pat Kerry
Councillor Barry Lewis	Councillor Heather Liggett
Councillor Jeff Lilley	Councillor Gerry Morley
Councillor Paul Parkin	Councillor Stephen Pickering
Councillor Maureen Potts	Councillor Alan Powell
Councillor Tracy Reader	Councillor Oscar Gomez Reaney
Councillor Carolyn Renwick	Councillor Jacqueline Ridgway
Councillor Michael Roe	Councillor Kathy Rouse
Councillor Diana Ruff	Councillor Ross Shipman
Councillor Lee Stone	Councillor Kevin Tait
Councillor Martin E Thacker MBE JP	Councillor Richard Welton
Councillor Nick Whitehead	Councillor Pam Windley
Councillor Brian Wright	Councillor Philip Wright

Also Present:

N Calver	Governance Manager
J Dethick	Head of Finance and Resources
K Hanson	Joint Strategic Director - Place
L Hickin	Joint Strategic Director - People
S Sternberg	Joint Head Of Service - Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer
D Swaine	Joint Chief Executive

337 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Emmens, A Foster, E A Hill, P A Holmes, C D Huckerby and C Hunt.

338 Declarations of Interest

Members were requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

Councillors Alex Dale, Alan Powell and Charlotte Cupit declared a pecuniary interest in exempt agenda item 15b – Treasury Management Strategy Update – Whiteleas Development as board members of Rykneld Homes and indicated that they would withdraw during consideration of that item.

339 Minutes of Last Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 19 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair, as Chair of the meeting.

340 Chair's Announcements (if any)

The Vice Chair, Cllr Pat Antcliff, spoke in the absence of the Chair to offer Cllr Carol Huckerby's apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

She reported that the Chair had attended Remembrance Services in Barlow and Chesterfield to mark Remembrance Sunday and the Armistice. In addition she attended the Council's local commemoration of the two minutes' silence. The forthcoming year would see the seventy-fifth anniversary of D-Day, and Cllr Antcliff reminded all present of sacrifices made by the people of North East Derbyshire in the cause of freedom.

The success of the 61st Brass Band Festival was reported on which included an additional £125 raised through the Chair's Charity collection in support of Sheffield Parents Association of Children with Leukemia (PACT).

Thanks were expressed for invitations for which the Chair attended to represent the District, as well as details of forthcoming events over the festive season.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Martin Thacker MBE JP was invited to speak in reference to the impact of the recent floods within the area and detail a letter he had received from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government in relation to a working definition of Anti-Semitism.

He advised that during the recent floods the Council's Contact Centres received many calls from residents and business seeking help and advice, with most calls relating to the north of the district. Streetscene staff worked tirelessly to support local communities with a sandbagging operations filling over 300 bags (10 tonnes). Despite the efforts of staff to protect Eckington Depot, it flooded in early hours of Friday morning with up to 9 inches of water in some places. Redirection of services during this emergency period allowed for bin collections to continue to take place as scheduled, and the call centre remained open.

28 formal road closures were in place with many impassible areas, and NEDDC staff continued to operate with many setting up office at home, or walking miles to work. Senior officers set up the emergency planning response for the Council and worked with others across the county to coordinate resources. 40 road closures across the County were reported on Friday as well as many flooded properties, and a report of a fatality. Services were maintained, and the communications team worked hard to ensure all were kept up to date with latest

advice and information.

The Leader advised that DCC had set up a business recovery fund to support those with premises affected by flooding. All members thanked the dedicated staff at NEDDC who supported communities during this difficult period.

The Leader expressed his deep sadness to learn of the death of Annie Hall as a result of the floods. He advised that she was an amazing High Sherriff of Derbyshire and a real advocate for the people of this County. Council expressed their sincere condolences to her husband and family at this distressing time.

The Leader advised all present that he was in receipt of correspondence from the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government regarding the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of Anti-Semitism. The letter detailed that earlier during 2019 the Community Security Trust released a report showing the highest total on record of Anti-Semitic incidents. This was a worrying trend showing that 18% of religiously motivated hatred was targeted at the Jewish community.

The definition of Anti-Semitism as set out in the letter was as follows:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

Whilst this definition was not legally binding, it was an invaluable tool for Council to understand how Anti-Semitism manifests itself in the 21st Century.

The Chief Executive was asked to take the necessary steps to ensure that the definition was reflected in all relevant Council policies and practices, and Group Leaders spoke in support of this action.

341 Voluntary of Community Organisations - Derbyshire Law Centre

Members were delighted to welcome Tony McIlveen and Lisa Haythorne from the Derbyshire Law Centre (DLC) who gave a presentation to the meeting in relation to the work to date of the Centre and its future plans.

Derbyshire Law Centre had been running for in excess of 30 years, with NEDDC support for many of those, specialising in legal advice in areas that other organisations did not provide, improving access to justice for disadvantaged groups and individuals throughout the county.

The Centre was reported to have 28 staff working on numerous projects covering areas such as:

- Immigration
- A specialist advice line
- Project funding – for example EU Settlement
- Debt service
- Housing
- Legal Aid
- Migrant Workers

- Bi-lingual services for non-English speakers
- Volunteering and work-experience

11% of the all Centre's funding was supported by Local Authorities, of which NEDDC was a contributor (£18,500 plus £7,000 specifically for housing projects Per Annum funding, 4% of total funding received). 17% of all enquiries made during the previous year were made by North East Derbyshire residents and 25% of all pursued cases.

They had worked in partnership with NEDDC to put forward a bid on behalf of 11 districts to keep residents in private rented property, which was won and money awarded. They had a good working relationship with Rykneld Homes with an established referral process from residents who may benefit from the Law Centre's Services.

It was queried by Members if an impact would be seen by the DLC as a result of a reduction in capacity of the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (DUWC), and it was confirmed that partnership working with the DUWC would be affected.

Members were very supportive of the work undertaken to date and the advice given to many North East Derbyshire residents.

342 Public Participation

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 8 to allow members of the public to ask questions about the Council's activities for a period of up to fifteen minutes. The replies to any such questions will be given by the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

No questions have been submitted under Procedure Rule No 8 for this meeting.

343 To answer any questions from Members asked under Procedure Rule No 9.2

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 9.2 Members were permitted to ask the Chair of the Council or relevant Committee or the appropriate Cabinet Member questions about Council activities.

Two questions had been submitted by Members under Procedure Rule 9.2 for this meeting.

- (a) Question submitted by Councillor Oscar Gomez Reaney to Councillor Charlotte Cupit, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Climate Change

Following this Council's unanimous declaration of a climate and ecological emergency in July this year, can you provide an update for residents and Councillors on what progress and actions have been taken so far to progress our agreed climate change action plan?

Councillor Oscar Gomez Reaney was invited to ask his question of Councillor Charlotte Cupit, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Climate Change.

Councillor Cupit gave a snapshot of a few examples to show how much work and effort, by officers and Members at all levels, was going into taking this matter seriously and implementing this at all levels wherever possible.

An example of this was this Council's recent announcement of a £200k investment in Eckington Leisure Centre to improve its energy and thermal efficiency. Further, the Authority had been successful in its bids for EV charging points in the district's town centres, starting with Dronfield.

The Council's cross-party Climate Change sub-group had its first meeting to discuss progress and new ideas and was aimed at collaboration rather than criticism. The next meeting would look at timescales for each of the actions contained within the action plan; also assessing their contribution to reducing carbon footprint and prioritising actions.

Work was underway with Parish and Town Councils through the Parish & District Liaison and a 'Parish Council Climate Change Action Pack' would be available to all residents and parishes soon.

The first round of EcoSchools grants had been completed which had funded 11 Climate Change projects across the District. An EcoSchools Conference would be held the following year.

The Council has recently adopted a wild planting policy, and supported campaigns such as the Northern Forest and Woodland Trust to plant and encourage as many new trees as possible. New policies were also being developed to encourage new developments to incorporate solar, electric charging points and wildlife corridors and enhancements.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

In exercising his right to ask a supplementary question of Councillor Charlotte Cupit, Councillor Oscar Gomez Reaney queried whether residents could access information about the work that was happening and if they could get involved and the best way to signpost them to this information?

Cllr Cupit advised that an intensive communication campaign would be taking place, and directed residents to:

- everybodystalking.org; and
- NED's Healthy Homes Programme

(b) Question submitted by Councillor Ross Shipman to Councillor Charlotte Cupit, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Climate Change

The Liberal Democrats note, with some concern, the investment in new diesel road sweepers despite the Council's recent declaration of a climate emergency. We would therefore ask how Councillor Cupit feels that this investment is consistent with the Council's climate change objectives?

Councillor Ross Shipman was invited to ask his question of Councillor Charlotte Cupit, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Climate Change.

Councillor Cupit thanked Cllr Shipman for his question. She advised that this matter was considered and published in July 2019, and the Minutes of the Executive Meeting where this was further discussed were also published with no decent.

She explained that there was no credible alternative, with technological developments not ready to market, and a need for Council equipment to be fit for purpose. The Climate Change Sub-Group are tasked to direct resources to amplify the results of carbon footprint reduction, and these actions were prioritised.

A smaller e-sweeper would cost three-times the cost of the purchased new diesel sweeper.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

In exercising his right to ask a supplementary question of Councillor Cupit, Councillor Shipman advised that he had researched an e-sweeper very easily, and questioned the research methods used to justify the purchase.

In response it was advised that this matter had been fully researched, and a sweeper of the kind suggested would not reach all areas of the district. An e-sweeper was specifically targeted at town centres and cities and did not have the robustness for the rurality of North East Derbyshire. It was anticipated that a suitable model may be available within the forthcoming 18 months and future options would be fully researched.

344 To consider any Motions from Members under Procedure Rule No 10

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 10 to consider motions on notice from members. Motions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

Three motions had been submitted under Procedure Rule No 10 for this meeting and were considered in the order submitted.

(a) Motion proposed by Councillor Ross Shipman

“Council notes:-

The sale and redevelopment of council owned land and the resultant mix of executive homes and affordable housing on such plots. That a significant number of these properties are outside the affordability of many North East Derbyshire residents.

The Liberal Democrats believe that such sales are not in the interests of the residents of North East Derbyshire as they fall significantly short of meeting the needs of existing local residents.

Council resolves:-

That future sales of council owned land for development will only be conditional that 100% of the proposed development will be for social and affordable housing”.

In presenting his motion to Council, Councillor Ross Shipman made note of a report issued in January 2019 by Shelter which stated the need for 3 Million social and affordable homes to be built over the forthcoming 20 years. He advised that with only 7000 built within the whole of England during 2019, there was a long way to go to meet this figure and urged Members to support the motion and allow North East Derbyshire to lead the way with this initiative. The motion was duly seconded by Cllr Pam Windley, who reserved her right to speak.

Cllr Richard Welton opposed the motion on the basis that passing the motion would have a direct consequence to end shared ownership and help to buy/build schemes operated by the Authority. The Council operated a mixed-tenure scheme to ensure success and sustainability of new housing development schemes for many reasons.

Cllr Nigel Barker supported the principal of the motion, but was aware of the practicalities involved and the needs for mixed-tenure social housing, and therefore indicated his abstention.

Cllr David Hancock expressed his view that adopting the motion would not end shared ownership and help to buy/build schemes as this would be applicable purely on Council-owned land. He believed that current arrangements did not address the needs of local residents.

On being put to the vote, the motion fell.

(b) Motion proposed by Councillor David Hancock

“Council notes:-

The wording of rule 12.13 – Personal Explanation in the Council’s Constitution, that there is no provision within the Constitution for Members to correct misleading or untrue statements made about them during the course of a meeting.

Council believes:-

That this lack of provision, however, unintentionally, enables misrepresentation of elected Members in Council and adversely impacts on public perception of their elected representatives.

Council resolves:-

That rule 12.13 be amended to:- A Councillor may make a personal explanation at any time. A personal explanation shall relate to some material part of any comments made during debate, which:-

- (a) *may have been made by the Member and appear to have been misunderstood in the present date.*
- (b) *to correct any misleading or untrue statement made by any other Member during the present debate.*

The ruling of the chair of the Council on the admissibility of a personal explanation will be final”

In presenting his motion to Council, Councillor David Hancock expressed his view that this matter required addressing to resolve misinterpretations within the Chamber. Councillor Ross Shipman duly seconded the motion.

Councillor Alex Dale, Portfolio Holder for Council Services, advised that at first glance he had seen merit in the proposals, but on closer inspection deemed that the amendments suggested would weaken a rule that was already mis-used. He believed that the amendment within the motion would allow for additional opportunities for Councillors to add to debate for more political air time.

Councillor Nigel Barker agreed with the essence of Councillor Dale’s objections and expressed that such a discussion around this rule should take place through the Standards Committee.

On being put to the vote, the motion fell.

(c) Motion proposed by Councillor Pam Windley

“Council notes:-

That there are still a number of business and community premises around North East Derbyshire which lack adequate disabled access. That a number of these premises are struggling to find appropriate support in accessing grants and funding to enable them to make the appropriate changes.

Council resolves:-

To undertake a review into disabled access and walkways around the District and to work with all relevant stakeholders to make adjustments, where necessary”.

Councillor Pam Windley presented her motion as written, which was duly seconded by Councillor David Hancock and requested resources to help small businesses to access grant funding.

Councillor Barry Lewis, Portfolio Holder for Partnerships and Leisure, supported the sentiments within the motion put, recognising the needs of the 22% of the district’s population that presented limitations due to ill-health, but noting that those limitations may not all be physical. He continued to confirm that it was a legal requirement on businesses to comply with the Equality Act 2010 requirements to provide access for disabled customers, and it was not within the Council’s remit to finance, audit or facilitate this. It would be unreasonable in terms of staff time and capital investment to undertake to do this. The Council

ensured that all its facilities complied with the provisions of the Act and reviewed all facilities used for polling stations.

Cllr Lewis indicated that a number of public funders were available for businesses to access grant funding, however, it would be unusual for this funding to be available to assist in meeting the legal obligations of the Equality Act. The Council was able to signpost businesses to other organisations that may be able to assist. North East Derbyshire also provided funding to third sector organisations whose remit was to assist in helping source funding, and recommended businesses to seek help through these, or access lottery funding. On the basis of his statements, Cllr Lewis proposed an amendment:

AMENDMENT

“Council notes:-

That there are still a number of business and community premises around North East Derbyshire which lack adequate disabled access. That WE CAN SIGNPOST PREMISES THAT ~~a number of these premises~~ are struggling to find appropriate support in accessing grants and funding to enable them to make the appropriate changes.

Council resolves:-

To undertake a review into disabled access IN NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL BUILDINGS and ~~walkways around the District and to work with all relevant stakeholders to make adjustments, where necessary~~”.

Councillor Martin Thacker MBE JB duly seconded the amendment and outlined the Council’s work that was being implemented after being the first Council to sign the British Sign Language Charter to improve accessibility for deaf residents. This work included creating an access guide for disabled visitors to the area and auditing our access provision for local residents. He hoped that the work undertaken, work still to be carried out, and the amendment to the motion, would reflect the needs of the whole 22% of disabled residents, including those with every kind of impairment (for example - sensory).

Cllr Nigel Barker advised his support to this amendment, and was in tune with the previous Administration’s objectives to support disabled residents. Cllr Jeff Lilly also gave testament to the work of the Authority to date.

Councillor David Hancock was supportive of the amendment put, and indicated his congratulations on the work undertaken.

On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried to become the substantive motion, which was voted on and agreed. It was further noted that Cllr Windley would be invited to input in to the review.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) it be noted that there are still a number of business and community premises around North East Derbyshire which lack adequate disabled

access. That we can signpost premises that are struggling to find appropriate support in accessing grants and funding to enable them to make the appropriate changes; and

- (2) a review be undertaken into disabled access in North East Derbyshire Council buildings and make adjustments, where necessary.

345 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Council considered a report of the Joint Chief Executive, which set out proposals to consider and approve for the provision of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations within North East Derbyshire Council area following a review undertaken in accordance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013.

The publication of the Notice of Review was published on 16 August 2019 and the initial consultation period commenced on 19 August 2019 as required by legislation.

The consultation period sought representations from Electors, District Councillors, Members of Parliament, Parish and Town Councils, Political Parties and existing Polling Place contacts. The consultation documents were sent to all stakeholders, including District Councillors, Parish Councils, County Councillors, MPs, MEP's and other interested parties who had particular expertise in certain fields, for example disability access issues. Following the initial consultation period, the Acting Returning Officer published proposals for Polling Districts and Polling Places on 4 October 2019 with a further deadline of 18 October 2019 for receipt of public comments.

Members gave consideration to the public response to the consultation and the Acting Returning Officers comments and proposals.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the final proposals schedule setting out any changes to the designated Polling Districts and Polling Places be approved;
- (2) the Joint Chief Executive be requested to formally publish the Notice of Conclusion of the Review, its findings, the responses from consultees and all other relevant documentation and to write to any households where their polling station has changed in advance of any elections/referendums taking place, including methods of alternative voting arrangements; and
- (3) it be noted that the Electoral Registration Officer will incorporate any changes to the Polling Districts and Polling Places in the revised Register of Electors to be published on 1 December 2019

346 Draft Organisational Policy

Council considered a report of Councillor Alex Dale, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Council Services, on Mileage and Related Travel Expenses.

It was explained that the purpose of the policy was to simplify processes and provide clarity, and adhere to legislation and best practice. The policy was approved by SAMT and received comments from Trade Unions and Service Managers. The recommendations put were supported by the Joint Consultative Group for approval by Council

RESOLVED that the Mileage and Related Travel Expenses Policy be approved.

347 LGPS Pension Discretions 2019

Council considered a report of Councillor Alex Dale, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Council Services on the proposed policy and approach on the discretions the Council has to make, publish and review under the Local Government Pension Scheme.

The report set out an update on the decisions that were needed to ensure the Council had procedures in place to deal with the various discretions. Whilst the common aspect within the Council's current LGPS discretionary policies was that generally the discretion would not apply, it was necessary to allow for this general approach to be varied should the circumstances of a particular case make this stance inappropriate. When making such decisions, each case would be considered on its own merits and full reasons given for the outcome.

A list of the discretions was considered by Members, and it was confirmed that these were based on those adopted by Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED – that the process and discretions be approved and the Council's position be publicised in respect of its discretions under the Local Government Pension Scheme.

348 Annual Audit Letter 2018/19

Council considered a report of Councillor Paul Parkin, Portfolio Holder for Finance, on the Annual Audit Letter in respect of 2018/19 which has been prepared by the External Auditors, Mazars.

The content of the letter was very positive and showed that the Auditors were satisfied that in all significant respects, the Council had put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

RESOLVED – That the report from the External Auditors, Mazars, be noted.

349 Treasury Management Update

Council considered a report of Councillor Paul Parkin, Portfolio Holder for Finance, which updated Members on the treasury management activities for the period April to September 2019.

It was advised that the treasury management function covered the borrowing and investment of Council money. This included both the management of the Council's day to day cash position and the management of its long term debt. All transactions were conducted in accordance with the Council's approved strategy

and the CIPFA Code of Practice. Members noted that good treasury management played an important role in the sound financial management of the Council's resources. The appendix to the report detailed the treasury management activities that had taken place between April and September 2019.

The Council's external treasury advisors, Arlingclose Ltd attended a meeting of the Cabinet on 11 July 2019 to provide and advice and guidance on the Council's future investment options and these were currently being explored within the confines of the Council's existing approved Treasury Management Strategy.

RESOLVED that the treasury management activities undertaken during the period April to September 2019 as appended to the report be noted.

350 Report of the Chairman of Standards Committee

Council considered a report of the Chairman of Standards Committee for a mid-year change to the Constitution in relation to Member Panels for interviewing and appointing North East Derbyshire only members of SAMT.

Members were advised that a report had been submitted to Standards Committee on 19 September 2019 in relation to the options for the interview panel for SAMT appointments for North East Derbyshire only appointments. Recommendations were forthcoming and presented to the meeting and the following wording was agreed for insertion in to the Terms of Reference for the Joint Employment and Appeals Committee:

"Where the Authority determinates to recruit a Head of Service or Director post outside the Strategic Alliance or determines to take any disciplinary action in relation to such a post the Member Panel will be called the Employment and Appeals Committee and will comprise of the four Members of the Joint Employment and Appeals Committee.

The Terms of Reference for the Employment and Appeals Committee will be as for the JEAC with the exception that the appointment or disciplinary process relates to an NEDDC employee only."

RESOLVED – That the recommendation from the Standards Committee be approved.

351 Appointments to Committees, Advisory Groups and Outside Bodies

(a) Communities Scrutiny Committee

RESOLVED – That Councillor Joe Birkin, as a replacement for Cllr Bette Hill, be appointed to the Communities Scrutiny Committee.

(b) Growth Scrutiny Committee

RESOLVED – That Councillor Nigel Barker, as a replacement for Cllr Bette Hill, be appointed to the Growth Scrutiny Committee.

(c) Planning Committee

RESOLVED – That Councillor Margaret Jones, as a replacement for Cllr Clive Hunt, be appointed to the Planning Committee.

352 Exclusion of Public

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following items of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

353 Dedicated Head of Service - Finance and Resources (including Section 151 Officer)

Council considered a report of Councillor Paul Parkin, Portfolio Holder for Finance, which sought approval to establish the post of HOS – Finance & Resources (including S151 statutory responsibility). Approval was also sought to disestablish the Joint Head of Service – Finance & Resources post and Chief Accountant post and to appoint a dedicated HOS – Finance and Resourcing (including S151 statutory responsibility) for North East Derbyshire District Council.

RESOLVED – That Council:-

- (1) Establish the post of HOS – Finance & Resources (including S151 statutory responsibility) for North East Derbyshire District Council as set out in the report.
- (2) Confirm the disestablishment of both the Joint Head of Service – Finance & Resources post and Chief Accountant post as set out in the report.
- (3) Confirm the appointment of Joint Head of Service – Finance and Resources (including the statutory role of S151) for North East Derbyshire District Council as set out in the report.

(Paragraphs 1 & 3)

354 Treasury Management Strategy Update - Whiteleas Development

Council considered a report of Councillor Paul Parkin, Portfolio Holder for Finance requesting approval to undertake borrowing to both fund new build properties, and to loan funds to Rykneld Homes to build new properties within the Whiteleas development.

RESOLVED – That Council:-

- (1) Approves the HRA Prudential Borrowing to fund the 19 houses for affordable rent on the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield in 2020/21 as set out in the report.

- (2) Approves the General Fund Prudential Borrowing for Rykneld Homes to develop 16 shared ownership properties on the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield over two financial years as set out in the report.
- (3) Approves the General Fund Prudential Borrowing for Rykneld Homes to develop 35 market sale properties on the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield over two financial years as set out in the report.
- (4) Agrees that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, Portfolio Holder for Finance and S151 Officer finalise the loan conditions as set out in the report to ensure compliance with State Aid legislation.
- (5) Approves the HRA Scheme as set out in the report for inclusion into the approved Capital Programme.
- (6) Approves the revised Capital Financing Requirement, Operational Boundary, Authorised Limit and upper limit for service loans as set out in the report.

(Paragraph 3)

355 Councillor Dispensation

Council considered a report of the Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer, which advised Members of an application by a North East Derbyshire District Council Councillor for a dispensation under the “6 month rule”.

RESOLVED that Councillor Clive Hunt be granted a dispensation for attending meetings of the Council and it’s Committees for a six month period on medical grounds.

(Paragraphs 1, 2 & 3)

356 Strategic Alliance Management Team Review - Proposals

Council considered a report which had been considered at the meeting of Cabinet on 7 November 2019 updating Members on the Strategic Alliance Management Team (SAMT) review process and recommend changes to the structure for agreement.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the establishment of the new Director role within the indicative structure for the Strategic Alliance Management Team (SAMT) be endorsed;
- (2) the Chief Executive, in consultation with both Council Leaders, finalise arrangements for the Strategic Directors areas of responsibility giving regard to the proposed indicative areas of responsibility as set out in Appendix 4; and
- (3) Executive receives further reports on any proposed structural changes arising from the realignment of services that report to the new Director role in the delivery of economic growth and development.

(Paragraph 3)

357 Chair's Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered at this meeting of Council.