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Date: Friday, 3 July 2020

To: **All Members of the Council**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held on **Monday, 13 July 2020 at 3.00 pm**. Access credentials to the meeting will be sent to you under separate cover. This meeting will be audio-live streamed to the website via YouTube.

Group meetings will be arranged, where necessary, by the Group Leaders.

Virtual Attendance and Hybrid Meetings

I have provided the Leader and Deputy Leader with advice on the holding of “hybrid” meetings outlining the risks including to employees dealing with the Chamber and to Members. Hybrid meetings are those where some attendance is in person in the Council Chamber and some is virtual.

I would encourage you all to attend virtually. Government guidance is clear that no more than 2 people should be meeting together in person. Accordingly if you attend in person you will be deemed to have accepted the following disclaimer as applying.

Risk Assessment Disclaimer

When attending this meeting in person, I confirm that I have read and understood the contents of each of the following risk assessments and agree to act in line with its content.

- RA – Return to Work Mill Lane Covid 19 V9
- Mill Lane Coronavirus Control Measures V4

Both documents have been emailed to Members and are available on the Modern.Gov App library.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Steuberg".

Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer

A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

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

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 5 - 21)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Annual Council meetings held on 18 May 2020.

4 Chair's Announcements (if any)

5 Vote of Thanks to the Outgoing Leader of the Council

6 Election of Leader of the Council

7 Appointment of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet 2020/21

The Leader will confirm the appointment of their Deputy Leader and their Cabinet Portfolio Members for 2020/21 as set out in the attached document – **TO FOLLOW**

8 Changes to Appointments to Committees, Advisory Groups and Outside Bodies

The following changes are proposed for consideration – **TO FOLLOW**

9 Changes to Appointments of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees

To agree the attached changes to Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees – **TO FOLLOW**

10 Public Participation (Pages 22 - 23)

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 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 twelve clear working days before the meeting.

Question submitted to Councillor J Kenyon, Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Climate Change from Anne Thoday

11 Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20 (Pages 24 - 32)

To consider the Annual Report for the 2019/20 municipal year.

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

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 9.2 to allow Members to ask questions about Council activities. The replies to any such questions will be given by the Chair of the Council or relevant Committee or the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon twelve clear working days before the meeting.

Question from Councillor N Barker to Councillor C Cupit, Portfolio Holder for Environment:-

“Whilst we welcome the fact that the Local Plan has been ‘unpaused’ can Councillor Cupit update the Council as to where we are in the process and give us a timetable as to when the Plan will be adopted?”

13 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 twelve clear working days before the meeting.

(a) Motion submitted by Councillor D Hancock

“Council notes the identification of inconsistencies with adherence to the Equality Act 2010 in its Licensing Policy.

Council believes that the diversity of our communities and workplace is a positive; and that all people have the right to live their lives free from fear of discrimination and hate crime.

Council further believes that behaviour contrary to the Equality Act is wholly unacceptable and should be punished to the fullest extent.

Council resolved to undertake an urgent review of all its policies to identify any similar inconsistencies, and to align all penalties with the maximum level imposed for any single protected characteristic”.

(b) Motion submitted by Councillor Ross Shipman

“Council notes that:

- *Covid-19 has caused unprecedented strain on North East Derbyshire District Council finances due to loss of income from leisure fees and charges and other activity-based services.*
- *Measures have been put in place by the leadership team to limit expenditure during the first part of the year.*
- *Councillors must lead by example at all times*

Council approves that:

- *North East Derbyshire District Council will not raise the members allowance or special responsibility allowances until 2022”*

(c) Motion submitted by Councillor Pam Windley

“Council notes:

- *The first class service delivered by its employees and members throughout the Covid-19 emergency*
- *That it always strives to improve on its own performance*
- *That those individuals and families who are suffering with, or caring for, early stage dementia experienced challenges over and above those faced by many others in our community*
- *That often these early stage cases are not receiving support from GPs or adult social care*

Council resolves:

- *To thank all of our staff and members for their excellent work*
- *To proactively support the Chair in her work with Alzheimer’s Research UK by undertaking a district-wide survey to identify the additional support needed by these early stage dementia patients and their families/carers and to use our Health and Wellbeing remit to implement the findings”*

14 Chair's Urgent Business

To consider any other matter which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.



North East Derbyshire
District Council

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your language***

Polish
Mówimy Twoim językiem

French
Nous parlons votre langue

Spanish
***Hablamos su
idioma***

Slovak
***Rozprávame Vaším
jazykom***

Chinese
我们会说你的语言

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COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 18 MAY 2020

Present:

Councillor Pat Antcliff (Chair)
Councillor Diana Ruff (Vice-Chair)

Councillor William Armitage	Councillor Nigel Barker
Councillor Jayne Barry	Councillor Kevin Bone
Councillor Patricia Bone	Councillor Stephen Clough
Councillor Andrew Cooper	Councillor Suzy Cornwell
Councillor Charlotte Cupit	Councillor Alex Dale
Councillor Michelle Emmens	Councillor Angelique Foster
Councillor Mark Foster	Councillor John Funnell
Councillor Roger Hall	Councillor David Hancock
Councillor Lee Hartshorne	Councillor Bette Hill
Councillor Carol Huckerby	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 Michael Roe	Councillor Kathy Rouse
Councillor Ross Shipman	Councillor Lee Stone
Councillor Martin E Thacker MBE JP	Councillor Richard Welton
Councillor Nick Whitehead	Councillor Pam Windley

Also Present:

G Callingham	Director of Growth and Economic Development
N Calver	Governance Manager
J Dethick	Head of Finance and Resources
K Hanson	Director of Environment and Enforcement
L Shaw	Managing Director - Rykneld Homes Ltd
S Sternberg	Joint Head Of Service - Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer

COU/1/20-21 **Election of Chair of the Council**

One nomination was received for the position of Chair of the Council for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

Councillor M E Thacker MBE spoke to Council in support of his proposal for Councillor P Antcliff to be duly elected as Chair of Council for the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillor A Dale seconded this proposal.

RESOLVED – That Councillor P Antcliff be elected Chair of the Council for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

COU/2/20-21

Outgoing Chair

Councillor M E Thacker MBE spoke to Council in consideration of Councillor C Huckerby's work as Chair of the Council during 2019/20, along with her consort Stuart Huckerby.

Councilor C Huckerby had represented the authority at numerous occasions, including the induction of the new Bishop of Derby, presented the winner's trophy at the 61st annual brass band festival, and the swearing in of the Council's first Civic Cadets.

Councillor C Huckerby supported Sheffield Children's Hospital PACT during her year. As well as visiting PACT house to meet staff and patients she promoted awareness of the charity and raised over £3400.

Councillor M E Thacker MBE stated that Councillor C Huckerby had shown real fortitude and proposed that the Council placed on record its sincere gratitude for the grace and dignity that Councillor C Huckerby had demonstrated as Chair and sincere appreciation for the support of Stuart Huckerby as consort.

COU/3/20-21

Appointment of Vice Chair of the Council

Two nominations had been received for the position of Vice Chair of the Council for the 2020/21 Municipal Year but one nomination had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

Councillor M E Thacker MBE spoke to Council in support of his nomination for Councillor D Ruff to be duly appointed to the Vice Chair of Council for the ensuing Municipal Year. Councillor A Dale seconded this proposal.

RESOLVED - That Councillor D Ruff be appointed Vice Chair of the Council for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

COU/4/20-21

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors L Deighton, P Elliott, P Holmes, C Hunt, J Ridgway and B Wright.

COU/5/20-21

Declarations of Interest

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

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

COU/6/20-21

Adoption of the Virtual Meeting Standing Orders

Members gave consideration to a report of the Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer, detailing proposed amendments to the Council's Procedure Rules.

From 4 April 2020, the Government had temporarily removed the legal requirement for local authorities to hold public meetings in person during the Coronavirus pandemic. This would remain in place until May 2021. Local authorities in England had been handed new powers to hold public meetings virtually by using video or telephone conferencing. It was therefore proposed that amendments were temporarily made to the Council's Procedure Rules for the duration of one municipal year, to incorporate the use of virtual meetings.

RESOLVED – That the amendments to the Council's Procedure Rules set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved for the duration of one municipal year.

COU/7/20-21

Chair's Announcements (if any)

The newly elected Chair of Council began her announcements by welcoming everyone to the first virtual meeting of Council.

The Chair thanked all members present for electing her and promised to undertake the role in a fair and balanced way and to act to the best of her ability. As first citizen of the District she would represent the whole of North East Derbyshire and would promote the interests of the District and those living and working here.

The Chair explained that through her Chair's Appeal she would be supporting Alzheimer's Research UK and the National Deaf Children's Society.

COU/8/20-21

Council Minutes

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of Council held on 17 February and 2 March 2020 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

COU/9/20-21

Leader's Announcements

The Leader advised Council on the latest position regarding Covid-19. Covid-19 had presented significant challenges for the people of North East Derbyshire but it had also highlighted the resilience of local residents and outstanding community spirit. The Leader stated that North East Derbyshire placed on record sincere appreciation for the many unsung heroes who truly were saving lives and safeguarding our way of life.

The Leader reported that to date the Community Support Team created by the Council, had:-

- Telephoned 5450 people to offer assistance;
- Delivered over 4000 medical supplies;
- Provided 82 food boxes;
- Delivered 700 local newspapers and magazines to those most isolated;
- Contacted over 1800 businesses to help them access financial support;
- Provided 1584 grants to businesses totaling almost £18m;
- Awarded 350 business 100% business rates relief;
- Addressed 78 environmental concerns from residents;
- Received 20,188 calls and emails from residents and businesses requesting support and advice with Council Tax and Business Rates;
- Had over 31,500 views of the Covid-19 information section on the Council's website;
- Received £8,265 in donations to support the District's work for others;
- Launched the #Newskillschallenge to promote and teach British Sign Language;
- Sent over 220 Tweets and 220 Facebook posts reaching an audience of 360,000 views.

The Environmental Health Team had provided support to local businesses and were also working alongside officers in Economic Development to identify high street businesses that needed support.

The Council had led on a county-wide project to get homeless people off the streets. Providing urgent accommodation for some of the most vulnerable and now ensuring that this work had a positive and sustainable legacy with the objective that these people did not end up homeless again.

As the lockdown has progressed, concerns about the mental health and wellbeing of people had increased. The Council was working with The Derbyshire Times to ensure weekly delivery of the newspaper to help the isolated stay connected locally.

The Council had placed stickers on all residents' bins to keep them updated with waste collection arrangements and to ensure every household had the Council's contact details for support and advice.

The Leader spoke about the joint working between the Council and Rykneld Homes and gave examples of the work that had been done to help vulnerable residents.

There had been regular meetings to ensure a cross-party approach to supporting the District's residents and businesses. The Leader extended his sincere thanks to Councillors Barker, Cupit, Dale, Funnell, Powell and Shipman for their valued contributions to the meetings and working collaboratively. The Leader said that he appreciated the support and encouragement from Councillors across the Chamber and that many

Councillors had demonstrated community leadership and were achieving so much for the people they represented. Town and Parish Councils were also playing their part and there had been fantastic engagement with the Council to share information and provide essential services.

The Leader concluded that all this evidenced a huge, collective effect which should leave all with a lasting sense of pride that local communities had tackled coronavirus head on and North East Derbyshire had shown unity through adversity. The Council remained steadfast in its resolve to put the welfare of every residents first and foremost.

Councillor N Barker thanked Councillor C Huckerby for her year as Chair of the Council and congratulated Councillor P Antcliff on being elected Chair of the Council for 2020/21. Councillor N Barker also thanked Councillor M E Thacker MBE for his updates and staff for their work during the unprecedented times.

Councillor R Shipman thanked the Leader of the Council for invitations to the Council's emergency response meetings and to the staff.

Councillor J Funnell commented that the Council had communicated well throughout.

COU/10/20-21

Appointment of The Cabinet

The Leader advised Council of the changes to the Cabinet Members and their Portfolios for the forthcoming Municipal Year. This was confirmed as:-

Councillor M E Thacker MBE

Leader and Portfolio Holder for Overall Strategic Leadership

Councillor A Dale

Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Council Services

Councillor C Cupit

Portfolio Holder for Environment

Councillor J Kenyon

Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Climate Change, Business Strategy, Commerce & Assets

Councillor B Lewis

Portfolio Holder for Partnerships & Leisure

Councillor P Parkin

Portfolio Holder for Finance

Councillor A Powell

Portfolio Holder for Communications and Housing

Councillor C Renwick
Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth

RESOLVED – That Council notes the Cabinet for 2020/21 as attached to the Agenda.

COU/11/20-21

Review of the Council's Constitution

Members gave consideration to a report of the Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer, detailing proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution as part of the Annual Review for adoption.

The Constitution was the Council's Rule Book, setting out how the Council operated and how it was to make its decisions. Council approved the latest version of the Constitution at the Annual Meeting in May 2018. Further, the Council was required by law to prepare and keep an up-to-date Constitution, and ensure that all procedures to be followed were efficient, transparent and accountable to local people.

Under the guidance of the Monitoring Officer, the Standards Committee had undertaken an annual review of the Constitution to ensure that it was up-to-date and in line with legislation. Each of the areas of review had been set out in detail, along with a rationale for the amendments proposed within Appendix 1 to the report and a track changes version of the Constitution detailing all amendments was attached to the report at Appendix 2.

Councillor J Birkin raised concern regarding the delegation to officers to make changes to the constitution. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that this was only aimed at things such as updating names and titles and general housekeeping, and all changes would be made in consultation with Members.

Councillor D Hancock raised concern regarding the proposed changes to questions and motions, in particular the limiting of motions to only one motion per Member per meeting to replicate the limits on questions.

Councillor R Shipman proposed an amendment to remove the line 'Introducing a limitation of one motion per Member per meeting to replicate the limits on questions' from the proposed changes. Councillor D Hancock seconded the amendment.

On being put to the vote the amendment was defeated.

A vote on the substantive motion was carried.

RESOLVED – That:-

- (1) The amendments to the Constitution detailed at Appendix 1 and set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved.

- (2) Delegated power be given to the Monitoring Officer to make changes to the Constitution arising from any new legislation, administrative errors or conflicts in interpretation.

COU/12/20-21 Appointment to Committees and Advisory Groups 2020/21

A revised list of appointments to Committees and Advisory Groups had been circulated.

Councillor D Hancock reported that there was one amendment to be made in respect of the Planning Committee, that Councillor R Shipman should be listed as the Liberal Democrat Group substitute.

RESOLVED – That the Council approves the appointment of Members to Committees and Advisory Groups for the 2020/21 municipal year, attached as **Appendix A** to these Minutes.

COU/13/20-21 Appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Committees

RESOLVED – That the Chairs and Vice Chairs for Committees for the 2020/21 municipal year attached as **Appendix B** to these Minutes be approved.

COU/14/20-21 Operation of Urgency Rules and Thresholds for Key Decisions

Council considered a report of the Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer, which advised of Decisions taken under Special Urgency Rules in the past 12 months and the revised financial limits for the Key Decisions.

The Council was required under legislation to report instances where Special Urgency Rules had been utilised in respect of Key Decisions. This was where it was impractical to give the requisite notice of Key Decisions before they were made.

Council noted that no decisions had been taken under Special Urgency Rules.

The Council also had a constitutional requirement to advise of those occasions when it had taken decisions where call-in provisions had been waived. The Council had not taken any such decisions in the previous 12 months.

The Council noted that it was a requirement at its Annual Meeting to review the thresholds for Key Decisions. The current thresholds for Key Decisions were recommended to continue and were as follows:-

- Revenue (income, savings or expenditure) £100,000;
- Capital (income or expenditure) £250,000.

RESOLVED – That Council:-

- (1) Notes that no decisions have been taken over the past 12 months under Special Urgency Rules.
- (2) Notes that no decisions have been taken over the past 12 months under Urgency provisions in the Council's Scrutiny Rules.
- (3) Agrees that the financial thresholds for Key Decisions be maintained at £100,000 (Revenue) and £250,000 (Capital).

COU/15/20-21

Appointment to Outside Bodies

A revised list of appointments to Outside Bodies had been circulated.

Councillor M E Thacker MBE reported that there was one amendment to be made in respect of the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority, which was that Councillor M E Thacker MBE should be listed as the council representative and Councillor A Dale as the named substitute.

RESOLVED – That the appointments to Outside Bodies for 2020/21 be approved.

COU/16/20-21

Calendar of Meetings

Council considered a report of the Leader of the Council, which presented for Council's approval the calendar of meetings for 2020/21. The proposed calendar of meetings for 2020/21 was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

There would be briefings held prior to the first meetings of Licensing, Planning and Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committees. These briefings would provide information about the functions of the committee and the Members role within it. Training for all Chairs and Vice Chairs would be arranged shortly after the Annual Council meeting. All Members and officers would be electronically invited to the meetings listed in the calendar. Governance officers would arrange briefing meetings when required in advance of relevant committees. There would be a schedule of these briefing meetings which would tie in with legal requirements for the dispatch of agendas.

The early dates within the schedule were subject to change with the development of virtual committee meetings – which was still in its infancy. The first month indicated delivery of approximately 50% of meetings, and any change to this would be communicated to Members. Due to the changing national position, it was not possible at this point to confirm which July and August meetings would be taking place, and this would be communicated in due course.

A number of Councillors commented about the difficulty experienced by Members when meetings were rescheduled, the start times changed or where cancelled at short notice. It was noted that meetings should only

be changed if absolutely necessary and that Vice-Chairs should chair meetings if the Chair was unavailable, rather than the meeting being rearranged.

RESOLVED – That:-

- (1) The 2020/21 calendar of meetings, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved and the points outlined in paragraph 1.4 and 1.5 be noted;
- (2) Delegated authority be granted to the Governance Manager, following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Chairman of the relevant Committee(s)/Working Group(s), to amend the Calendar of Meetings 2020/21 as and when required in accordance with the regulations of the Coronavirus Act 20.

COU/17/20-21

Scheme of Delegation

Members considered a report of the Joint Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer, requesting for Council to approve the Scheme of Delegation as outlined in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

The Monitoring Officer advised that it was a requirement under Council Procedure Rule 1.1 of the Council's Constitution that the Annual Meeting agreed the Scheme of Delegation. The Scheme also outlined proper officer provisions. It was noted that the Scheme of Delegation had been amended and set out in the Review of the Constitution report considered earlier in the meeting.

RESOLVED – That Council's Scheme of Delegation as set out in the Council's Constitution be approved.

COU/18/20-21

Chair's Urgent Business

There was no Chair's urgent business to be considered at this Annual Council meeting.

NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

18 MAY 2020

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	LABOUR GROUP	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP	INDEPENDENT GROUP	TOTAL SEATS
Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny	(5) Cllrs W Armitage, S. Clough, M Foster, A Hutchinson & M Roe	(3) Cllrs N Barker, P Kerry, & G Morley	(1) Cllr R Shipman		9
Communities Scrutiny	(5) Cllrs L Deighton, O Gomez Reaney, R Hall, C Huckerby & K Tait	(3) Cllrs N Barker, J Birkin & J Lilley	(1) Cllr D Hancock		9
Growth Scrutiny	(5) Cllrs P Antcliff, M Emmens, A Hutchinson, R Welton & N Whitehead	(3) Cllrs S Cornwell, L Hartshorne & N Barker		(1) Cllr J Funnell	9
General Licensing Committee	(8) Cllrs P Antcliff, P Bone, M Emmens, C Huckerby, H Liggett, M Roe, R Welton & P Wright	(5) Cllrs P Kerry, A Holmes, S Pickering, L Stone & T Reader	(1) Cllr P Windley		14
Licensing & Gambling Acts Committee	(8) Cllrs P Antcliff, P Bone, M Emmens, C Huckerby, H Liggett, M Roe, R Welton & P Wright	(5) Cllrs P Kerry, A Holmes, S Pickering, L Stone & T Reader	(1) Cllr P Windley		14
Organisation Scrutiny	(5) Cllrs P Bone, A Foster, H Liggett, M Potts & P Wright	(3) Cllrs J Birkin, M Jones and P R Kerry		(1) Cllr J Funnell	9

Planning	(7) Cllrs W Armitage, P Elliott, M.Foster, C Huckerby, M Potts, A Powell & D Ruff Substitutes: Cllrs P Antcliff, S Clough, H Liggett & R Hall	(4) Cllrs J Barry, T Reader, J Ridgway and K Rouse Substitutes Cllrs L Hartshorne, E A Hill, C Hunt and M Jones	(1) Cllr D Hancock Substitute:	(1) Cllr A Cooper Substitute: Cllr J Funnell	13
Standards	(5) Cllrs P Antcliff, W Armitage, H Liggett, M Roe & D Ruff	(3) Cllrs K Rouse, J Ridgway & P Kerry		(1) NEW NOMINATION	9 plus two parish representatives

JOINT COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	LABOUR GROUP	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP	INDEPENDENT GROUP	TOTAL SEATS
Joint Crematorium	(4) Cllrs C Cupit, J Kenyon, P Parkin and A Powell				4
Joint ICT Committee	(2) Cllrs K Tait & N Whitehead	(1) Cllr J Lilley			3
Joint Scrutiny Panel	(2) Cllrs L Deighton & R Welton	(1) Cllr J Barry			3
Joint Employment & Appeals Committee	(3) Leader Deputy Leader Cabinet Portfolio Holder	(1) Leader of the Opposition			4 from NEDDC and 4 from Bolsover

ADVISORY GROUPS

COMMITTEE	CONSERVATIVE GROUP	LABOUR GROUP	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP	INDEPENDENT GROUP	TOTAL SEATS
Council Joint Consultative Group (plus named substitutes)	(3) Cllrs A Dale, A Powell & M Thacker MBE				3 plus 6 representatives of employees and officers
Member Development Working Group	(4) Cllrs K Bone, A Dale, R Hall & M Potts	(1) Cllr J Birkin	(1) Cllr P Windley	(1) Cllr A Cooper	7 members
Local Plan Steering Group	(5) Cllrs P Antcliff, W Armitage, C Cupit, A Powell & D Ruff	(2) Cllrs N Barker & S Pickering		(1) Cllr A Cooper	8 plus officers
Site Inspection Group (plus named substitutes)	(2) Cllrs A Powell & D Ruff	(1)			3 plus local Members and appropriate Officers

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES 2020/21

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CONSERVATIVE NOMINATION</u>	<u>OTHER NOMINATIONS</u>
<u>Council</u>		
Chair	Pat Antcliff	
Vice Chair	Diana Ruff	Bette Hill
<u>Audit & Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee</u>		
Chair	Mark Foster	
Vice Chair	Steve Clough	
<u>Communities Scrutiny Committee</u>		
Chair	Kevin Tait	
Vice Chair	Oscar Gomez Reaney	
<u>Growth Scrutiny Committee</u>		
Chair	Anthony Hutchinson	
Vice Chair	Michelle Emmens	
<u>General Licensing Committee</u>		
Chair	Heather Liggett	
<u>Licensing & Gambling Acts Committee</u>		
Chair	Heather Liggett	
<u>Organisation Scrutiny Committee</u>		
Chair	Angelique Foster	
Vice Chair	Mo Potts	
<u>Planning</u>		
Chair	Diana Ruff	
Vice Chair		Jayne Barry
<u>Standards Committee</u>		
Chair	William Armitage	
Vice Chair		Pat Kerry

- The Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committees will be appointed at each individual meeting of this body.
- The Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee will be appointed in the absence of the Chair for a specific meeting.

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 18 MAY 2020

Present:

Councillor Pat Antcliff (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Diana Ruff (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Carolyn Renwick	Councillor Maureen Potts
Councillor Nigel Barker	Councillor Jayne Barry
Councillor Kevin Bone	Councillor Patricia Bone
Councillor Stephen Clough	Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Suzy Cornwell	Councillor Charlotte Cupit
Councillor Alex Dale	Councillor Michelle Emmens
Councillor Angelique Foster	Councillor Mark Foster
Councillor John Funnell	Councillor Roger Hall
Councillor David Hancock	Councillor Lee Hartshorne
Councillor Bette Hill	Councillor Carol Huckerby
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 William Armitage	Councillor Alan Powell
Councillor Tracy Reader	Councillor Oscar Gomez Reaney
Councillor Michael Roe	Councillor Kathy Rouse
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 Joseph Birkin

Also Present:

N Calver	Governance Manager
J Dethick	Head of Finance and Resources
K Hanson	Director of Environment and Enforcement
S Sternberg	Joint Head Of Service - Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer
D Stanton	Governance Officer
G Callingham	Director of Growth and Economic Development
L Shaw	Managing Director - Rykneld Homes Ltd

COU/19/2020-21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors L Deighton, P Elliott, P A Holmes, C Hunt, J Ridgway and B Wright.

COU/20/2020-21 Declarations of Interest

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

meeting at the appropriate time.

Councillors A Dale, C Cupit, D Ruff, S Clough and O Gomez Reaney declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 9 – Council’s Housing Group Structure - and advised that they would withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

COU/21/2020-21 Chair's Announcements (if any)

The Chair informed Members that she had no further announcements to make.

COU/22/2020-21 Public Participation

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 8 members of the public were allowed to ask questions about the Council’s activities for a period of up to 15 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 from the public had been submitted.

COU/23/2020-21 Sky Lanterns & Helium Balloons

The Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Climate Change, Councillor J Kenyon, presented a report that outlined the risks posed by sky lanterns and helium balloons. Council heard that there was a number of risks which included litter nuisance, fire, and a significant danger to animals, livestock, and aviation traffic such as aeroplanes and helicopters.

The Portfolio Holder explained that the Council advised residents to celebrate special occasions in alternative ways, and informed Members of a recent fire in the Midlands that had caused millions of pounds worth of damage due to a sky lantern being released.

Members heard that the Council wished to send a clear message to residents, and that it would work with local schools to increase awareness of the risks posed by sky lanterns. It was stated the Council would continue to work with the District’s MP to ensure that the issue was considered by Parliament.

The report recommended that North East Derbyshire District Council and Rykneld Homes Limited introduce a Charter to ban the release of sky lanterns and helium balloons on any land or property owned by the Council.

Councillor N Barker echoed Councillor J Kenyon’s comments, and offered his and the Labour Group’s support to the report’s recommendations.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor M E Thacker MBE, stated that the actions being taken by the Council were a starting point, and that the public remained vigilant as Councillors had received numerous complaints outlining the concerns of some residents.

It was stated that the Council did not support the use of sky lanterns and helium balloons, and whilst it did not have the powers to fully ban their use in the District, it did have the power to ban their use on Council land and property.

Councillors R Shipman and P Windley offered their support, and stated that they believed that banning sky lanterns and helium balloons on Council land was the right thing to do. Councillor R Shipman enquired about how the ban would be applicable to Rykneld tenants. The Leader of the Council, Councillor M E Thacker MBE, advised that the banning of such balloons would be incorporated into future tenancy agreements.

RESOLVED – That the Council, together with Rykneld Homes Ltd, adopts and promotes a Charter as follows:-

North East Derbyshire District Council and Rykneld Homes Ltd has banned the release of sky lanterns and balloons on any land or property owned by the Council.

We are committed to encouraging businesses, communities, landowners and individuals to switch to alternative ways of celebrating and commemorating events.

North East Derbyshire District Council and Rykneld Homes Ltd pledges to:-

- *Promote the restriction of the release of all types of helium-filled balloons and sky lanterns on property and land owned by the Council. This includes those that are made from bamboo or claim to be biodegradable.*
- *Engage with businesses, communities, landowners, schools and individuals to encourage them to sign up to this Charter.*
- *Raise awareness of safer and more environmentally friendly alternatives that people can celebrate with, through promotion and campaigns.*

COU/24/2020-21 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.

No questions had been submitted under Procedure Rule No 9.2 for this meeting.

COU/25/2020-21 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.

No motions had been submitted under Procedure Rule No 10 for this meeting.

COU/26/2020-21 Exclusion of Public

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

COU/27/2020-21 Council's Housing Group Structure

Council received a presentation from Lorraine Shaw, Managing Director of Rykneld Homes Ltd, in regards to the restructure of the Council's Housing Group Structure.

Members expressed their initial support to the proposals, and reiterated their desire to see an enhanced partnership with Rykneld Homes that would continue to improve the lives of residents.

The Portfolio Holder for Communications and Housing, Councillor A Powell, explained that Members were simply endorsing an approach and that much work still remained.

RESOLVED – That Council:-

- (1) Acknowledge the progress made in relation to the restructure of Housing Services for North East Derbyshire District Council.
- (2) Endorse the approach being taken with regard to establishing the company structure and for the appointment of the Directors to the new and existing companies.
- (3) Support Council officers in continuing to work with the Council's external legal and commercial advisers to set up the Company structure shown in Appendix 1 to the report.

COU/28/2020-21 Chair's Urgent Business

There was no Chair's urgent business to be considered at this Council meeting.

NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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13 JULY 2020

Question submitted to Councillor J Kenyon, Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Climate Change from Anne Thoday:-

Our UK Government has made a commitment in legislation to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 (1). If we are to meet this target we need a rapid reduction in the carbon emissions associated with household energy consumption. In a report last year The Committee on Climate Change warned that the UK's legally-binding climate change targets will not be met without the near-complete elimination of greenhouse gas emissions from UK buildings.

'New homes should be built to be low-carbon, energy and water efficient, and climate resilient. The costs of building to tight specifications are not prohibitive, and getting the design right from the outset is far cheaper than retrofitting later. From 2025 at the latest, no new homes should be connected to the gas grid. They should be heated using low-carbon energy sources, have ultra-high levels of energy efficiency alongside appropriate ventilation, and be timber-framed where possible. (2)

The key role of planning in reducing greenhouse gas emissions is acknowledged in North East Derbyshire Climate Change Action Plan 2019-2030, (Theme 5) states:

'Local authority planning functions are a key lever in reducing emissions and tackling the effects of climate change. The planning process can make a major contribution by shaping new and existing developments in ways that reduce carbon emissions.'

This plan goes on to highlight a new development at The Avenue, Clay Cross as a case study in sustainable living 'The Avenue is the creation of a new sustainable community balancing urban and environmental design.'

North East Derbyshire Local plan 2014- 2034 includes a requirement that new developments promote energy efficiency to a sustainable level.

Policy SDC12: 'High Quality Design and Place-Making 'proposals for development will only be permitted provided that they . . . j. Include measures to promote environmental sustainability, including those which address energy and water efficiency where practicable and viable to do so;

And 'Increasing GHG emissions and energy consumption. Use of renewable energy and recycled materials will be encouraged at new development at all stages. New developments will also be more likely to be energy efficient and sustainably designed.'

The Sustainability Appraisal of the North East Derbyshire Local Plan Feb 2018 includes a statement on the role of local authorities in reducing greenhouse gas emissions,

'10.1.2 Mitigating climate change is a priority in the UK and it is necessary for local authorities to help minimise their contribution to its causes, such as by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and energy consumption.

The national and local documents quoted above all include statements on the role planning must play in reducing the production of greenhouse gases through minimising energy consumption. North East Derbyshire Council currently have plans in place for large areas of future new housing development including in the Clay Cross area up to 824 dwellings on the Biwater site and up to 700 on the Avenue site by 2034.

On average, the generally expected and acceptable lifespan of a new house is at least 60 years and some sources believe should be up to 100 years; in practice it is frequently much longer. If houses currently in the planning stage (including those in North East Derbyshire), are likely to last towards the end of this century and some of them well beyond, they need to be achieving zero carbon or passive house standards if they are to meet the requirements of the UK net zero greenhouse gas targets.

Given that houses built now are unlikely to undergo substantial refurbishment before 2050 it is imperative they are built to a zero carbon standard now.

With this in mind, can the Councillor please describe the following:-

- 1) What efforts have been made to engage, and work with local housing developers of zero carbon homes, and can the Councillor explain exactly what percentage of the housing currently planned for the Biwater and Avenue sites will achieve net zero carbon emissions (level 6) using the standard set in The Code for Sustainable Homes, or be built to Passive House standard? (3)
- 2) What efforts have been made to ensure the highest possible levels of on-site energy production (electrical and thermal) on new buildings? (4)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/27/contents>

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/2019/02/21/uk-homes-unfit-for-the-challenges-of-climate-change-ccc-says/>

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Chairs and Vice Chairs of Scrutiny Committees 2019/20

Audit and Corporate Governance

Chair - Councillor M Foster
Vice Chair - Councillor K Tait

Communities

Chair - Councillor K Tait
Vice Chair - Councillor O Gomez Reaney

Growth

Chair - Councillor C Renwick
Vice Chair - Councillor A Hutchinson (Appointed Chair on 27 February 2020)

Organisation

Chair - Councillor A Foster
Vice Chair - Councillor M Potts

1 A Summary of the Work Undertaken during 2019/20

- 1.1 Each of the Committees has completed its Work Programme up to the 23 March 2020. The time available has been shared between Scrutiny review work, consideration of key strategies and policies of the Council and performance monitoring.
- 1.2 The Committees have also been monitoring the delivery of action plans from a number of previous scrutiny reviews. Domestic Abuse, Tourism & Growth and Homelessness were making progress but would be monitored further in the new municipal year.

2 Current Scrutiny Reviews

2.1 Residential Parking

The Communities Scrutiny Committee decided to review district wide Residential Parking following a motion proposed at Annual Council on 20 May 2019.

The Councils Engineer and the Director of Property Services and Development at Rykneld Homes had provided a briefing presentation that set the scene and outlined parking issues within the District. A number of documents and evidence were also considered by the Committee to help inform the review.

A wide range of stakeholders were interviewed, including a number of internal officers which included the Head of Planning and the Head of Street scene. Additionally the Parish/Town Councils of Clay Cross, Dronfield, Eckington and Killamarsh were invited to submit comments to the Committee on behalf of their areas and attend a meeting of the Committee to present their comments to the Scrutiny Panel directly.

The review panel have concluded their report and recommendations but as the final meeting of the Committee was cancelled due to the pandemic these are to be approved at their next meeting prior to their submission to Cabinet for consideration.

2.2 Health and Wellbeing in the Workplace

The Organisation Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a review of Health and Wellbeing in the Authority. The Committee wished to ensure the service was meeting the needs of our employees.

The Committee considered a number of documents which included a presentation by the Human Resources and Organisational Development Manager which set the scene and outlined the approach to Health and Wellbeing within the Council.

A number of key documents and evidence was considered by the Committee. These included the Health and Wellbeing Framework, the Employee Assistance Programme, Sickness information plus the Health and Wellbeing Survey results and resulting actions.

A series of interviews were held with a selection of Managers. Discussions were held directly with employees on a walk round Mill Lane Offices and a site visit to Eckington Depot.

The review panel have concluded their evidence gathering but as the final meeting of the Committee was cancelled due to the pandemic these are to be considered at their next meeting with a view of how to take this review forward given the change in circumstances.

2.3 Business Centres and Industrial Units

The Growth Scrutiny Committee did not undertake a full review this year. They chose to revisit the previous year's review on Business Centres and Industrial Units. They had commenced by reviewing the evidence submitted so far but had been unable to complete this work due to their last meeting being cancelled as a result of the Pandemic. The Committee are currently considering how to take this review forward.

3 Scrutiny Committees

3.1 Audit and Corporate Governance

During the year the Committee met on four occasions. It considered a number of key governance and financial documents of the Council which included the Medium Term Financial Plan, Budget Monitoring, Annual Governance Statement and the Statement of Accounts. It also continued to monitor and keep under review corporate debt, risk management and partnership working arrangements.

The Committee is the body to which both the Council's external and internal auditors report. Key reports from Internal Audit included the Annual Report of the Internal Audit Consortium, Summary of Progress on the Annual Internal Audit Plan, the Annual Review of Adequacy of Internal Audit and various internal Audit reports on individual services. The key reports from External Audit included the report prepared around the audit of the Council's Accounts ISA260, together with the Annual Audit Letter.

In its key role of overseeing the financial governance arrangements of the Council the Committee:-

- Considered and approved the Annual Statement of Accounts;
- Monitored the Councils budgets

- Considered the Council's systems of internal control and in particular any issues arising from the reports of Internal Audit;
- Kept under review performance against the Council's Performance Management Framework.

It also considered a report on Accounting Policies that it was proposed to adopt for the current financial year in the preparation of the Statement of Accounts 2019/20. These policies determined the accounting treatment that would be applied to transactions during the financial year and in the preparation of the Statement of Accounts at the year end.

The Committee also considered the CIPFA Fraud and Corruption Tracker Survey for 2019. This was an annual survey which aimed to provide a picture of fraudulent activity within local government and illustrate the actions which local authorities were taking to mitigate the risks. The Committee discussed the fraud prevention measures which the Council had put in place. Members made it clear that they continued to support the current zero tolerance approach towards fraud. This approach was set out in the Council's Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy.

A discussion was also held on ICT. An update was provided by the Head of Partnerships with regard to the charging arrangements for the joint ICT Service. It comprised three participating authorities (North East Derbyshire District Council, Bolsover District Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council). The arrangements provided the advantage of pooling resources and knowledge and reducing costs. Significant savings had been made as a result on procurement licenses. Charging arrangements with Rykneld Homes Ltd were also considered. The Committee recommended that reporting protocols be established between the Joint ICT Committee and the Council.

Additionally the Committee received a presentation from Arlingclose Ltd which outlined a number of key themes that related to Treasury Management, including a recap on what Treasury Management was, the role of elected Members, NEDDC's plans and the UK and International economic outlook.

3.2 Communities

During the year the Committee met on six occasions. The Committee has considered a number of licensing items during the year. This has included a large piece of work on CCTV in Taxis and the Procedure for dealing with applications for taxi driver licences. The Committee had made a number of proposed amendments to various documents including suggestions on the Licensing Procedure note to include clearer guidance on convictions and a recommendation to Cabinet that they would like to see mandatory CCTV in NEDDC licenced taxis.

The Committee also considered the Animal Welfare Policy. The Authority does not have a legal obligation to have such a Policy but it was considered good practice to do so. The Committee considered what made a fit and proper

person, the level of DBS check that would be suitable and current consultation taking place with licensees, including veterinary practices. These animal welfare facilities will be inspected by Environmental Health Officers.

The draft Anti-Social Behaviour Policy was also reviewed by the Committee. The Council was required to prepare and publish a policy in relation to anti-social behaviour and procedures for dealing with occurrences of anti-social behaviour. The Committee considered how the Council worked with the Police and the role of ward members in taking up cases from constituents. Those committing acts of anti-social behaviour would be given a warning and then a Community Protection Notice. This notice would stay on file for twelve months and if there was a failure to comply then the Authority could fine or prosecute offenders.

In addition the Committee monitored the delivery of the recommendations from the previous Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Review report. The recommendations were making progress. The Committee reiterated that there were different types of domestic abuse and it was vital the Council had a clear plan in place to help and support victims. They also discussed the merits of appointing a dedicated lead officer, and raised concerns about duplicating the provisions of Derbyshire County Council in the event service users became confused about the services provided. The Committee agreed that clarity and consistency was needed for the support service to be effective.

The Committee is statutorily required to review the Councils Community Safety Partnership under the Police and Crime Act. However, as a result of the measures to deal with the Coronavirus Pandemic, this review will take place at the first meeting of the Committee in the new municipal year.

3.3 Growth

During the year the Committee met on six occasions. They continued to monitor the progress of the outgoing Growth Strategy and discuss the emerging new Strategy. They also considered the Councils Plan and its implications on growth in the District. A number of key officers and organisations were invited to attend the Committee over the year. Updates were provided on Town Centre Regeneration, New Homes Bonus, Council Tax on Housing Developments, Section 106 agreements, the Councils Transformation Programme, Leisure Facilities, Joint Ventures and Business Support.

The Chief Executive Officer and the Portfolio Holder also attended the Committee later in the year and provided an update on progress of key growth projects within the District, including The Avenue, Biwaters, and Coalite. The Committee also discussed housing supply plans within the District and the disparities in demand in different areas in North East Derbyshire. The Committee was advised that the Council aspired for North East Derbyshire to be a better place to work and live, with a large business and visitor economy. There had been a focus on town centre regeneration, developing better relations with the Local Enterprise Partnerships and improving transport and traffic. The focus on the visitor economy, had included the Council developing

partnerships with a number of organisations in order to attract inward investment and make the most of the Districts potential. Following on from the Committees review of tourism there was wide ranging debate on tourism, jobs and investment.

The Committee received an update on progress with HS2. Members were informed of the opportunities that HS2 presented to the District, which included reduced journey times for passengers, a major upgrade to the railway, a significant investment in infrastructure, an overall increased network capacity, more jobs and more investment. A number of case studies were also highlighted in which local businesses and people would benefit from increased business and employment opportunities.

D2N2 attended the Committee to update on how the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) operated and recent progress it had made. This included, a LEP review, investment to support growth, Local Growth Fund projects –former Coalite site, Seymour Link Road and the A61 Corridor. Following a wide ranging discussion the Committee requested a specific breakdown be circulated to the Committee setting out tangible progress that had been made in North East Derbyshire Districts area since D2N2 published the D2N2 Strategy four years before.

The Committee reviewed the work of the Partnership Team in support of growth. The Strategic Partnership Co-ordinator provided an update on the Partnership Team's activities in that supported Growth. He discussed the Bolsover North East Derbyshire LEADER Programme which was coming to an end and informed the Committee that there was a contract monitoring period to ensure that those who had benefitted from the programme honoured their Commitments. Overall North East Derbyshire had received £707,329.77 in funding which had created 27.07 FTE jobs.

3.4 Organisation

During the year the Committee met on four occasions. The Committee considered the Customer Services Performance Report which provided details of the Council's performance in relation to customer service standards across the Organisation. The Customer Services Operational Manager advised the members that the Call Centre staff had answered 96% of calls within 24 seconds and that a 100% of emails and texts were acknowledged within one working day and 100% replied to within eight working days. Details were also considered of compliments, comments and complaints that the Council had received from 1st April, 2018 to 31st March 2019. Members welcomed the high levels of performance achieved by the Contact Centre. They also discussed the successful take up of webchat as a way for customers to access information from the Council about its services and resolve any problems. This part of the service had been rated as excellent by 76.5% of users

The Committee also considered the Annual Report of Human Resources and Organisational Development. The report updated on a range of employee related issues. This included details of how the Council advertised vacancies

through Derbyshire County Council's website and also through professional bodies if relevant. In support of recruitments, career days had been held at schools and colleges as well as the provision of an apprenticeship scheme and internship vacancies to attract university students.

A number of managers were also taking part in level 3, 5, and 7 leadership courses and an internal course was commencing in September, 2019 as part of the Councils Transformation Programme. The Committee continued to monitor why people left the Organisation and asked that further statistical analysis on the reasons given by former employees for leaving the Council be provided. Data was also provided on the levels of sickness within the organisation. The outturn figure was 9.7 days per employee, which was a reduction on the previous year

4 The Year Ahead 2020/21

Following the appointment of members to the Scrutiny Committees at Council on 18 May 2020, work programmes for 2020/21 are currently being finalised. Suggestions for Scrutiny review topics have been invited from a range of stakeholders and are being considered by the Committees at their first meetings.