

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2022

Present:

Councillor Diana Ruff (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Martin E Thacker MBE JP (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Pat Antcliff	Councillor William Armitage
Councillor Nigel Barker	Councillor Jayne Barry
Councillor Joseph Birkin	Councillor Stephen Clough
Councillor Suzy Cornwell	Councillor Charlotte Cupit
Councillor Alex Dale	Councillor Lilian Deighton
Councillor Peter Elliott	Councillor Roger Hall
Councillor David Hancock	Councillor Lee Hartshorne
Councillor Anthony Hutchinson	Councillor Maggie Jones
Councillor Jeremy Kenyon	Councillor Pat Kerry
Councillor Tony Lacey	Councillor Heather Liggett
Councillor Jeff Lilley	Councillor Gerry Morley
Councillor Stephen Pickering	Councillor Alex Platts
Councillor Tracy Reader	Councillor Oscar Gomez Reaney
Councillor Carolyn Renwick	Councillor Michael Roe
Councillor Kathy Rouse	Councillor Ross Shipman
Councillor Richard Welton	Councillor Brian Wright
Councillor Philip Wright	

Also Present:

M Broughton	Director of Growth and Assets
J Dethick	Director of Finance and Resources & (Section 151 Officer)
L Hickin	Managing Director - Head of Paid Service
S Sternberg	Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
L Ingram	Legal Team Manager - Contentious Team
C Terry	Environmental Health Team Manager (Licensing)
A Bond	Governance Officer
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer
A Maher	Interim Governance Manager

COU Apologies For Absence

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Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Cooper, D Drabble, A Foster, M Foster, J Funnell, K Gillott, E A Hill, B Lewis, P Parkin, M Potts, A Powell, J Ridgway, B Strafford-Stephenson, L Stone, K Tait, P Wheelhouse and P Windley.

COU Declarations of Interest

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Councillor T Reader declared an interest in Item 12 – Local Offer for Children and Care Leavers, as an employee of Derbyshire County Council, Children and Family Services. She indicated that she would remain in the meeting and would

participate in Council's discussion and determination on the Item.

Councillor R Hall declared an interest in Item 14 – Adoption of the Revised Taxi Licensing Policies, as the holder of a Taxi Licences with another Licensing Authority. He indicated that he would leave the meeting at the appropriate time and would not participate in Council's discussion and determination on the Item.

Councillor M E Thacker MBE declared an interest in Motion 'A' on the agenda (Facilities for Women's Football), as a Director on the National Board of Football. He indicated that he would remain in the meeting and would participate in Council's discussion and determination on the Item.

Councillor A Dale declared an interest in Item 19 – Northwood Update as a Director of Northwood Group Limited. He explained that following advice from the Monitoring Officer he would remain in the meeting and would participate in Council's discussion and determination on the Item.

COU **Minutes of Last Meetings**

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The Minutes of the meeting of Annual Council, held on Monday 23 May 2022, approved as a true record.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting, held on Monday 23 May 2022 were approved as a true record.

COU **Chair's Announcements**

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The Chair of the Council, Councillor D Ruff, informed Members of the mourning services and events which she had attended following the death of her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. She had also attended the ceremony for the Proclamation of the King, held at the Council's Mill Lane Offices. The Chair thanked all those who had been involved in helping the Council to respond in an appropriate and dignified way, in what had been very difficult circumstances.

Councillor D Ruff informed Members of the sad death of former Bolsover Councillor and Chair of that Council, Ken Walker. Council was reminded that former Councillor Walker and his wife had been attacked in their own home by an intruder. With the permission of the Chair, Councillor M E Thacker MBE, Councillor N Barker, Councillor J Lilley, Councillor R Shipman and Councillor P Antcliff paid tribute to former Councillor Walker. They stressed his record of service to Bolsover Council, his commitment to the local community and the personal warmth and generosity of spirit which he had shown.

The Chair of the Council reminded Members of her charitable work to help raise funds for the Soldiers, Sailors and Airforce Families Association (SSAFA). As part of this, Council was informed that she intended to hold a fundraising event at Shirland Golf Club. The Chair gave special thanks to Councillor H Liggett, for her hard work in helping to organise this event.

Finally Councillor D Ruff informed Council that Councillor A Powell was unwell. Councillor Ruff and other Members wished Councillor Powell a speedy recovery.

RESOLVED – That Council noted the announcements of the Chair of the Council, Councillor D Ruff (by acclamation).

COU **Leader's Announcements**

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The Leader of the Council, Councillor A Dale, thanked Members and officers of the Council, along with the Parish and Town Councils, for their work to help the District and its communities mourn the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and to proclaim the accession of His Majesty King Charles III.

The Leader of the Council informed Members that the refurbished Killamarsh Active sports centre had now opened. He highlighted the contribution which the improved sports centre would make to the local community and to the District as a whole. He thanked the local Ward Members, the Parish Council, Councillors J Kenyon and A Powell, along with the relevant officers of the Council, for the important contribution which they had made.

Councillor A Dale highlighted the successful joint application for grant aid from the Safer Streets Fund, the submission of a Draft Investment Plan to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Application for £17.8 million which had been submitted to the Levelling-Up Fund to help regenerate Eckington Town Centre.

The Leader of the Council explained how the Council had been awarded the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award by the Ministry of Defence. He pointed out that the Council was one of only 550 employers in the Country to receive this award. The Leader thanked the Council's Armed Forces Champion; Councillor M E Thacker MBE and the Assistant Director, Regeneration and Programmes, for their contribution to achieving this honour.

Councillor A Dale informed Members that the Council Plan had been reviewed. He explained that most of its objectives had been achieved and emphasised how important it was that it continues to address the key challenges now facing the Council, such as helping the District's residents and businesses with the Cost of Living Crisis and reducing their energy costs.

RESOLVED – That Council noted the announcements of the Leader of the Council, Councillor A Dale (by acclamation).

COU **Public Participation**

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There were no questions from the public.

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

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The Chair of the Council confirmed that four questions had been received.

Question 'A' from Councillor R Shipman to Councillor C Renwick, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety

Councillor R Shipman explained that as he had now received a response to his question from the relevant officer in advance of the meeting, which had been set

out and marked as Question 'A', on the Agenda. Consequently, he would now withdraw his question. He felt that future questions from Members to Portfolio Holders, which had been included on the Council Agenda, should be answered by them at the meeting.

Question 'B' from Councillor O Gomez Reaney to Councillor A Powell, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Communications.

A question had been submitted by Councillor O Gomez Reaney to Councillor A Powell, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Communities and Communications, on whether the Council would support the work of the National Tremor Foundation, in their efforts to spread awareness of this medical condition and to provide advice and support for those who need it. The full text of the question from Councillor O Gomez Reaney, marked as Question 'B', was set out on the Agenda for the meeting.

As Councillor A Powell could not be present at the meeting, the Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor C Cupit, answered the question on his behalf.

Councillor C Cupit thanked Councillor Gomez Reaney for his question. She expressed her support for the aims of the National Tremor Foundation and its important work. The Deputy Leader made clear that she would be happy for the Council to work with Councillor Gomez Reaney to also help raise awareness of the issue locally.

Question 'C' from Councillor J Birkin to Councillor M Foster, Portfolio Holder for Council Services

A question had been submitted by Councillor J Birkin to Councillor M Foster, Portfolio Holder for Council Services, on the cancellation of Council meetings and whether future meetings would be held according to the agreed schedule. The full text of the question from Councillor J Birkin, marked as Question 'C', was set out on the Agenda for the meeting.

As Councillor M Foster could not be present at the meeting, the question was answered by the Leader of the Council, Councillor A Dale.

The Leader of the Council thanked Councillor Birkin for his question. He explained that only one Council meeting had had to be cancelled. Group Leaders had been informed of the reasons for this. He also explained that although the dates of some scheduled meetings of the Council's various Committees had to be re-arranged they had met and discharged their own decision making responsibilities. Councillor A Dale reminded Members that under the Constitution they could call for Extraordinary Meetings of Council to take place, if they felt this would be appropriate.

Councillor J Birkin asked a supplementary question about what additional work had been undertaken.

Councillor A Dale explained that the progress had been made on a range of issues over the summer, which was reflected in the extensive Agenda for the current meeting.

Question 'D' from Councillor T Reader to Councillor J Kenyon, Portfolio Holder for Economy, Transformation and Climate Change

A question had been submitted by Councillor T Reader to Councillor J Kenyon, Portfolio Holder for Economy, Transformation and Climate Change, on the proportion of the Clay Cross Town Deal funding which had been committed and the amount spent on external consultants. The full text of the question from Councillor T Reader, marked as Question 'D', was set out on the Agenda for the meeting.

The Portfolio Holder, Councillor J Kenyon, thanked Councillor T Reader for her question. He informed Council that £9.41M (39%) of the Fund had now been committed. Of this, £7m would be used for the Sharley Park Leisure Centre and Community Hub, with funding allocated for a range of other projects. The Portfolio Holder provided details of the support received from Government so that specialist consultants could be brought in to help prepare the Business Cases for specific projects. He also explained the expenditure which had been incurred to clear sites, so that the re-development work could now take place.

Councillor T Reader asked a supplementary question, requesting that Clay Cross Parish Council should receive regular updates on the use of the Fund.

Councillor J Kenyon agreed to look at ways of ensuring that further update information was provided regularly to the Parish Council. He confirmed that those Clay Cross Parish and District Council Members, who already serve on the Clay Cross Town Deal Board, would continue to receive the information in that capacity.

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

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MOTION 'A'

Members considered a motion submitted by Councillor R Shipman, in the absence of the original proposer, Councillor P Windley, which called on the Council to provide support for Women's football in the District. The full text of Councillor R Shipman's motion, set out as Motion 'A', was included on the Agenda for the meeting.

Councillor R Shipman praised the achievements of the England Women's Football Team and their recent European Championship victory. He welcomed the growth of Women's Football which had taken place and highlighted how popular it had become in the District. He felt it important that the Council support initiatives to promote the take-up of the game and commit to the specific actions suggested in the Motion to achieve this.

The Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor C Cupit, responded to the Motion. She expressed her congratulations to the England Women's Football Team on winning the European Championship. Councillor C Cupit emphasised the Council's commitment to improving the opportunities for everyone to take part in all sports. She highlighted the improvements to the Killamarsh Sports Centre which had been made and those planned for the Sharley Park Sports Centre that

would help to achieve this goal. Councillor C Cupit felt that the Motion had failed to recognise the Council's overall objective to make sport accessible to all, and so for that reason she could not support it.

Councillor N Barker indicated that he would support the Motion. He informed Members of the progress made by North Wingfield Parish Council in providing purpose built changing facilities which could be used by Women football players.

Councillor D Hancock then seconded the motion. He emphasised the need to invest in facilities for Women's football, which would be in line with the Government's Levelling-Up Agenda. Councillor J Kenyon also felt that the focus of the Motion would be too narrow and would not be in accord with the Council's overall objective, of trying to promote access to sport as a whole. The Leader of the Council, A Dale, referred to discussions which had taken place between Council officers and the Football Association to improve changing rooms so that they could be used by males and females.

Councillor R Shipman exercised his right to reply as the mover of the Motion. He expressed disappointment that the Majority Group had not supported it, nor suggested amendments that would address their concerns.

At the conclusion discussion Councillor R Shipman and D Hancock moved and seconded the Motion. The Motion was put to the vote and defeated.

With the agreement of the Chair Council then recessed for a short break. Following the break the Chair of the Council clarified the voting figures on the defeated Motion.

MOTION 'B'

Members considered a motion submitted by Councillor D Hancock, which called on the Council to provide grant aid to the North East Derbyshire 'First Responders', who seek to provide assistance at the scene of an incident before the arrival of an ambulance. The full text of Councillor Hancock's motion, set out as Motion 'B', was included on the Agenda for the meeting.

Councillor Hancock praised the work of the First Responders charity, the role which it plays and its value to the District and its Communities. He explained in general terms what the proposed grant aid would be used for.

Councillor A Dale responded to the Motion. He emphasised his strong support for the Charity and its work. He made clear that he would welcome meetings with the Charity to understand further their requirements, and on that basis it could then make a formal application for grant aid. He asked that the Motion be now withdrawn so that discussions between the Council and the First Responder Charity could take place. Councillor N Barker endorsed this approach, which would enable due process to be followed in determining the grant application.

Following the discussion Councillor D Hancock as mover of the motion and Councillor R Shipman as seconder agreed to withdraw the Motion so that the discussions with the Charity could now take place.

MOTION 'C'

Members considered a motion submitted by Councillor L Hartshorne, which called on the Council to take specific actions to help and support families during the Cost of Living Crisis. It also called on the Government to ensure that people with pre-payment meters did not have to pay more for their energy than others. The full text of Councillor Hartshorne's Motion, set out as Motion 'C', was included on the Agenda for the meeting.

Councillor Hartshorne reminded Council that the Motion had been deferred from its 12 September 2022 meeting. He explained that although some changes had occurred at a national level, it remained appropriate for Council to consider and approve it, given the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis facing many people in the District. Councillor N Barker seconded the Motion, but reserved his right to speak.

The Vice-Chair of the Council, Councillor M E Thacker MBE, highlighted the serious Cost of Living problems facing many people in the District and stressed how important it would be for the Council to take effective action to help them. He felt that in order to achieve this goal, the political groups should work together through the Group Leader Meetings (Viper) mechanism to identify and implement specific actions. He suggested that Motion be amended to recommend this.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor A Dale, responded to the Motion. He stressed the serious impact which the Cost of Living Crisis was having on all of the District's residents. He argued that the Motion was unnecessarily political and felt that it should go further in offering practical help and assistance locally.

Councillor A Dale then moved an amendment to the Motion, setting out a range of additional action to be taken. This Amended Motion was circulated to Members. He also indicated that he would support the use of future Group Leaders (Viper) meetings as a forum for cross party work along the lines suggested by the Vice Chair of the Council, Councillor M E Thacker MBE and agreed that the Amended Motion make clear that the Council ought to explore on a Cross-Party basis new opportunities and ways of assisting residents and businesses. J Kenyon then seconded the Amended Motion, reserving his right to speak.

Councillor N Barker addressed Council. He welcomed many of the actions which the Council had already taken and the proposed future measures set out in the Amended Motion to address the Cost of Living Crisis. Nevertheless, he felt that aspects of the Amendment were unnecessarily political and, as such, the Labour Group would not be prepared to support it. However, the Labour Group would participate in the suggested Cross Party working to find ways of addressing the Cost of Living Crisis.

Councillor D Hancock and Councillor J Barry, both indicated that they could not support the proposal in the Amended Motion that the Council support the Government's Energy Price Cap. S Cornwell explained her concerns about political aspects of the Amended Motion, especially around the use of the Shared Prosperity Fund, as did Councillor J Birkin. Councillor Birkin expressed regret that the suggested amendments had not been discussed with the Labour Group in advance.

Councillor C Renwick contended that the UK Energy Price Cap compared favourably to that offered in Europe. She also highlighted the warm place opportunities that the Council would provide at the reopened Killamarsh Leisure Centre, which now also houses the public library. Councillor R Shipman expressed his concern about the need to make progress and indicated that the Liberal Democrat Group would be prepared to endorse the Amended Motion, subject to removal of the statement of support for the Government's Price Cap. Councillor Dale agreed to change the proposed action to 'noting' rather than supporting the Price Cap. Councillor J Kenyon made clear that he supported the action which the Council had already taken on this issue, as well as the action which he proposed to take. He seconded the Amended Motion.

At the conclusion of the discussion Council voted on whether to accept the Amendment to the Motion as the substantive Motion. Three Members indicated that they wished this to be by Recorded Vote. The Motion was put the vote and was approved.

For: Councillors P Wright, R Welton, M E Thacker MBE, R Shipman, D Ruff, M Roe, C Renwick, A Platts, H Liggett, J Kenyon, A Hutchinson, D Hancock, O Gomez Reaney, P Elliot, L Deighton, A Dale, C Cupit, S Clough, W Armitage, P Antcliff (20)

Against: Councillors B Wright, K Rouse, T Reader, S Pickering, G Morley, J Lilley, T Lacey, P Kerry, M Jones, L Hartshorne, C Cornwell, J Birkin, J Barry, N Barker (14)

Abstained: Councillor R Hall (1)

RESOLVED –

That the substantive Motion be amended, as specified at the meeting.

The Amended Substantive Motion was then put to the vote and was approved.

RESOLVED -

That Council: -

- (a) Work with the voluntary sector to help and support families during this cost-of living crisis.
- (b) Support Derbyshire County Council's efforts to progress and help fund a network of "warm hubs" around the District, as well as those Parish Councils and community groups offering to provide them.
- (c) Note the new Prime Minister's energy price cap but urge the Government to go further to support residents and businesses, including trying to ensure equity for those on prepayment meters.
- (d) Take urgent steps to reduce our own energy use as a Council, to mitigate against the financial impact on the Council itself so that we can ensure we

- continue to deliver essential services to our residents. This includes undertaking energy audits in all council buildings and implementing all recommendations to ensure we are as efficient as we can be.
- (e) Produce and distributes comprehensive and practical energy saving advice to our residents and businesses using all available communication channels, including our website, social media platforms and our NEWS magazine and ensure these communications are regularly repeated to give the best possible dissemination of the information.
 - (f) Ensure that relevant staff receive appropriate training to be able to provide the right advice to residents
 - (g) Work with our housing partner to deliver targeted practical support, via Home Energy Assessments, for our most vulnerable tenants in the District to help them keep their homes warm over the winter, while being as efficient as possible
 - (h) Use information previously accumulated during the Covid pandemic, to identify our most vulnerable residents in private rented or privately owned homes and contact them to ensure they too can access practical support and advice to help manage their energy usage
 - (i) Direct our newly appointed Home Assistance Coordinator to provide residents with advice and guidance on issues related to energy efficiency and affordable warmth
 - (j) Continue our successful retrofit External Wall Insulation programme, recognised by Friends of the Earth as having delivered significant improvements to over 400 homes so far, so that more residents can benefit from warmer homes and reduced energy usage
 - (k) Refocus our UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Inclusive Communities Theme so that there is greater focus on commissioning third-sector led Cost of Living Crisis and energy efficiency support
 - (l) Works with other Councils to try to ensure the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Business Advice and Guidance theme has a clear focus on energy efficiency support, advice and guidance at this extremely challenging time for our businesses
 - (m) Broaden our UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Shop Front Scheme to allow for energy efficiency measures such as double glazed windows and doors
 - (n) Develop a business-focused energy efficiency pack to inform SME businesses (based on our successful Parish Climate Pack approach)
 - (o) Take a pragmatic approach and work with businesses who are in NNDR arrears to develop repayment plans to help them manage their finances at this difficult time
 - (p) Use our UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Village Halls theme to ensure Parish Councils and community groups can access funding to help them make their halls more energy efficient
 - (q) Continue to work with a wide range of third sector and other local authority partners, maintaining regular dialogue, to ensure that we support and signpost our most vulnerable residents to be able to access the appropriate welfare benefits, food, financial support and energy efficiency advice.
 - (r) Continue to regularly review and evaluate what we are doing and keep exploring new opportunities for ways we can assist our residents and

businesses through Cross-Party working, using the mechanism of the Group Leaders Meetings, and keeping Council updated regularly along the way.

COU Standards Committee Annual Report 2021-22

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Council considered the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for the 2021-22 Municipal Year. The report provided information on the number of complaints made against District and Parish Councillors and how this compared to the previous year. Members were also reminded that a new Code of Conduct for Councillors had been adopted by Council in July 2021.

Council discussed the report. Councillor J Birkin asked for clarification on a specific complaint. The Monitoring Officer agreed to provide this information outside of the meeting. Councillor R Shipman raised concerns about the complaints process, which the Monitoring Officer responded to and clarified.

Councillor J Barry highlighted an issue which she had raised in 2020. The Monitoring Officer indicated that she would discuss this with her outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year be noted (by acclamation).

COU Scrutiny Committees Annual Report 2021-22

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Council considered the Annual Report of Overview and Scrutiny for the 2021/22 Municipal Year. This confirmed that each of the Committees had completed its Work Programme, with the time available shared between Scrutiny review work, consideration of key strategies and policies of the Council and performance monitoring. The report made clear that the Committees also considered the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic and had monitored the delivery of Action Plans from a number of previous scrutiny reviews

Councillor M E Thacker (MBE), Chair of Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee, Councillor A Platts, Vice-Chair of Growth Scrutiny Committee) and Councillor S Clough, Chair of Organisation Scrutiny Committee explained the work undertaken during the course of the Municipal Year.

RESOLVED – That the Annual Report of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee, the Communities Scrutiny Committee, the Growth Scrutiny Committee and the Organisation Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22 Municipal Year be noted (by acclamation).

COU Appointments to Committees - NOW PUBLISHED

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Members were informed that the Leader of the Labour Group had requested that Councillor K Gillott serve on the Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year and that Councillor N Barker be removed from membership of the Committee.

Members were also informed that the former Vice Chair of the Communities

Scrutiny Committee, Councillor R Hall, had resigned from that post. Nominations were requested to appoint to the vacant position.

Councillor A Dale and Councillor D Ruff moved and seconded a motion that Councillor K Gillott be appointed to serve on the Standards Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year and that Councillor H Liggett be appointed to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

The motion was put the vote and was approved.

RESOLVED –

1. Councillor Kevin Gillott be appointed to serve on the Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year.
2. That Councillor Nigel Barker ceases to serve on the Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year.
3. That Councillor Heather Liggett be appointed Vice-Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2022/23 Municipal Year (by acclamation).

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Local Offer for Children in Care and Care Leavers

The report to Council proposed an amendment to the existing ‘Local Offer for Children in Care and Care Leavers’. Members were asked to agree that the Council Tax discount, which is currently offered only to Derbyshire care leavers who live in the District, should now be offered to those care leavers from outside the County, who also reside in North East Derbyshire.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor A Dale, explained that although the number of young people who qualify for the discount would be low, and so have a minimal cost to the Council, it would be of real benefit to these vulnerable young people, who are often at high risk of falling into debt.

Councillors N Barker, D Hancock, M Jones and J Birkin all spoke in support of the proposed change. Councillors also reflected on the support available to those leaving care and the way in which this might be improved, through a co-ordinated national approach.

Councillor A Dale and Councillor C Cupit moved and seconded a motion to approve the report’s recommendation to amend to the existing ‘Local Offer for Children in Care and Care Leavers’ agreed by the Council and that the Council Tax discount be applied to all Care Leavers who live in the District

The Motion was put to the vote and was approved.

RESOLVED – That Council approved the amendment to the Local Offer for Children in Care and Care Leavers, as set out at 2.1 of the report, to extend the council tax discount currently offered only to Derbyshire Care Leavers to fall Care Leavers who live in the District (by acclamation).

COU Request for a Community Governance Review for Stonebroom

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The report to Council explained that a valid Petition had now been received for a Community Governance Review of Stonebroom, Shirland and Higham on whether Stonebroom should have its own parish Council, separate to the existing Shirland and Higham Parish Council.

Members were asked to consider and agree the proposed Terms of Reference for the Community Governance Review. The report recommended that the Managing Director be authorised, in consultation with the Returning Officer / Electoral Registration Officer, to now make the detailed arrangements for the Community Governance Review. It was made clear that because of electoral deadlines, any new arrangements would have to be agreed at Council at its meeting on the 30 January 2023.

Councillor A Dale and Councillor C Cupit moved and seconded motion to approve officer Recommendations, subject to inclusion at Recommendation 2 that Council now considers and approves the draft Timetable for the Review circulated at the meeting, as well as the Terms of Reference for the Review.

Councillors D Hancock and R Shipman asked for and received clarification on what the implications would be if the Timetable for the Review was not met. Councillor J Barry asked for and received clarification of the Council's legal obligation to carry out the review and on its possible costs.

The motion was put to the vote and was approved

RESOLVED –

1. Council acknowledged receipt of the valid petition for a community governance review at Stonebroom and Shirland and Higham.
2. Council approved the Terms of Reference and the Timetable for the Review, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

Council agreed that the Managing Director and Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Returning Officer/Electoral Registration Officer, be authorised to put in place the arrangements and timetable for undertaking the Community Governance Review (by acclamation).

COU Adoption of the Revised Taxi Licensing Policies

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The Report to Council asked Members to approve and adopt revised Taxi Licensing Policies. The current policies, it was explained, dated from 2018. The scheduled review of these took place in late 2021. The revised policies then went out to public consultation. Following on from this they were discussed and endorsed by the General Licensing Committee, which recommended them to Council for approval.

Councillor R Shipman welcomed the revised policies and in particular, the requirement for CCTV to be installed in vehicles licensed by the Council. He

felt that this provision of an additional safety measure was an example of best practice, but that it would be undermined if other Licensing Authorities did not adopt a similar approach. Cllr Shipman suggested that the Motion include a requirement that the Secretary of State for Transport be informed of the Council's Policy on the use of CCTV and asked that this provision be made compulsory for all Licensing Authorities.

The Chair of the General Licensing Committee, Councillor H Liggett and Councillor A Dale moved and seconded a Motion to approve officer recommendations, with the additional provision that the Secretary of State for Transport be informed of the Council's Policy on the use of CCTV and be asked to make the installation of this equipment into licensed vehicles a requirement for all Licensing Authorities.

The Motion was put to the vote and approved

RESOLVED –

- (1) That Council approved the revised Taxi Licensing policies.
- (2) That the revised Taxi Licensing Policies come into effect on Tuesday 13 September 2022.
- (3) That the Secretary of State for Transport be informed of the Council's policy requirement on the installation of CCTV in licensed vehicles and of Council's request that this this provision be made a requirement for all Licensing Authorities (by acclamation).

COU **Sharley Park Leisure Centre - Update**

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Members received a presentation from the Director of Growth and Assets on the progress made to date in redeveloping the Sharley Park Leisure Centre.

Following the presentation Members asked about the scope of the re-development, its design, accessibility and cost. Members also asked about the possible co-location of other services into the re-developed facility.

RESOLVED – That Council noted the presentation be noted (by acclamation).

COU **Chair's Urgent Business (Public)**

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There was no Chair's urgent business.

COU **Exclusion of the Public**

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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).

COU **Senior Management Structure**

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The report to Council set out specific changes to the Senior Management Structure. Members heard about the rationale behind the proposed changes, the next steps and timescales for the recruitment process.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Councillor A Dale and Councillor C Cupit moved and seconded a motion to approve the recommendations as set out in the report. The motion was put to the vote and was approved.

RESOLVED –

That subject to formal consultation with the Directors, Assistant Directors, other directly affected staff and Trade Unions, that Council approved:

- (1) The repurposing of the existing Director Growth post/role to Director Growth and Assets post/role.
- (2) The repurposing of the existing Director Transformation post/role to Director Finance and Resources and S151 Officer post/role.
- (3) The repurposing of the existing Assistant Director (AD) Economic Development, Regeneration and Housing post/role to AD Regeneration and Programmes post/role.
- (4) The repurposing of the existing AD Transformation and Communication post/role to AD Finance and Corporate Resources post/role.
- (5) The Directorate structure/service area arrangement as appended to the report.
- (6) An Employment and Appeals Committee be called in accordance with the Constitution to undertake Chief Officer interviews, where required and make recommendations to Council regarding appointment of candidates to posts, where required (by acclamation).

COU **Northwood Update**

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2-23

Council received an update on the action taken and issues to be addressed following the decision by Robert Woodhead Limited to cease trading.

RESOLVED -_That the Update be noted and the Council receive further information at future meetings (by acclamation).

COU **Councillor Dispensation**

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2-23

Members gave consideration to an application by a Member of North East Derbyshire District Council for an extension of the dispensation from the 'six month rule' requiring them to attend meetings.

RESOLVED –

Council

- (1) Determined that Councillor Bette Hill be granted an extension to the previously granted dispensation from attending meetings of the Council and its Committees under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- (2) That the dispensation granted to Councillor Hill run for 6 months, commencing on Monday 12 September 2022 and expiring on Friday 10 March 2023.
- (3) That Councillor Hill be informed of the Council's decision on this matter (by acclamation).

COU Chair's Urgent Business (Private)

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2-23 There was no urgent business.