

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2023

Present:

Councillor Martin E Thacker MBE JP (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Gerry Morley (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Frank Adlington-Stringer	Councillor Pat Antcliff
Councillor Neil Baker	Councillor Nigel Barker
Councillor Jayne Barry	Councillor Graham Baxter MBE
Councillor Richard Beech	Councillor Joseph Birkin
Councillor David Cheetham	Councillor Kathy Clegg
Councillor Stephen Clough	Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Suzy Cornwell	Councillor Charlotte Cupit
Councillor Alex Dale	Councillor Lilian Deighton
Councillor Michael Durrant	Councillor Peter Elliott
Councillor Michelle Emmens	Councillor Stuart Fawcett
Councillor Clive Fletcher	Councillor Mark Foster
Councillor Christine Gare	Councillor Kevin Gillott
Councillor David Hancock	Councillor Daniel Higgon
Councillor Pam Jones	Councillor William Jones
Councillor Pat Kerry	Councillor Carol Lacey
Councillor Tony Lacey	Councillor Heather Liggett
Councillor Nicki Morley	Councillor Fran Petersen
Councillor Stephen Reed	Councillor Carolyn Renwick
Councillor Michael Roe	Councillor Kathy Rouse
Councillor Ross Shipman	Councillor Derrick Skinner
Councillor Caroline Smith	Councillor Christine Smith
Councillor Mick Smith	Councillor Richard Spooner
Councillor Richard Welton	Councillor Helen Wetherall
Councillor Pam Windley	

Also Present:

A Bond	Governance Officer
M Broughton	Director of Growth & Assets
M Derbyshire	Members ICT & Training Officer
J Dethick	Director of Finance and Resources & Section 151 Officer
L Hickin	Managing Director – Head of Paid Service
A Maher	Governance Manager
S Sternberg	Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

COU Apologies for Absence

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3-24 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Pickering, L Stone, K Tait and L Hartshorne.

COU Declarations of Interest

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3-24 Councillor A Dale raised an interest in Item 16 – Northwood, as a former Director of Northwood Group. He indicated that he would remain in the meeting and participate in Council’s deliberations and determination on the item.

COU **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

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3-24 Council considered the minutes of the last meeting of Council on Monday 25 September 2023.

Further to Minute: COU/42/23-24 Councillors A Dale and M Foster sought clarification from the Leader of the Council on whether the Minutes of the Local Plan Review Working Group would be published.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor N Barker, explained that the arrangements for reporting on the work of the Group would be explained later on in the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 25 September 2023 were approved as a true and accurate record.

COU **Chairman of the Council's Announcements**

/49/2

3-24 The Chairman of the Council, Councillor M E Thacker MBE, reflected on the remembrance events that he had attended on behalf of the Council. These included the Fellowship of the Services Festival of Remembrance at the Winding Wheel, the Old Contemptables Annual Service of Remembrance organised by the Chesterfield & District Combined Ex-Services Association and a Memorial Service held at the Chesterfield Football Club to which deaf children were invited to attend, accompanied by a British Sign Language Interpreter.

Members heard that the Chairman had laid two wreaths on behalf of the Council, one at the Parish Rooms Memorial Wingerworth on Armistice Day (11 November) and a second at the war memorial in Holymoorside on Remembrance Sunday (12 November).

The Chairman of the Council then informed members of his other activities throughout the previous month. These included his attendance at the 41st Diwali Celebrations organised by the Asian Association of Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, opening a new business in Dronfield and representing the District at the Lord Lieutenant’s tree planting ceremony as part of the late Queen’s Green Canopy project.

Councillor M E Thacker MBE paid tribute to those Members that had supported his fund-raising events on behalf of Ashfield Hospice. In particular, he gave special thanks to Councillor J Barry for organising a race night.

RESOLVED – That Council noted the announcements of the Chairman of the Council, Councillor M E Thacker MBE (by acclamation).

COU **Leader of the Council's Announcements**

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3-24 The Leader of the Council, Councillor N Barker, expressed his deep sadness at the loss of life which had occurred nationally, and the great hardship to residents

across the District caused by Storm Babet.

Members heard about the major progress which had been achieved on the Clay Cross Town Deal. In this context he explained that an important planning application had been approved, which would now allow work to begin on a range of specific development projects. The Leader of Council reiterated his commitment to ensure that the Town Deal benefited the residents and businesses of Clay Cross.

The Leader of the Council informed Members that he had visited all of the Leisure Centres across the District. He praised the work of the staff and in particular, he congratulated those at Eckington Leisure Centre who performed lifesaving cardiopulmonary resuscitation CPR on a customer.

Councillor N Barker explained that the Council continued to deliver on its commitment, as set out in the new Council Plan. These included more social and affordable houses in the District and taking enforcement action against those letting out properties which were not fit for occupation. He highlighted the work of the Council's Environment Service. This enforcement action taken by the Service would form part of a programme to be screened on the BBC.

Councillor N Barker informed Council that he and the Managing Director had met with the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board to discuss how the NHS and the District Council could work together to improve the health and wellbeing of residence. He also explained the work to establish a Strategic Leadership Team for the New Derbyshire Combined Authority. A report on this, he explained, would be presented to the next meeting of Council.

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

COU Public Participation

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3-24 There were no questions from the public.

COU Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

/52/2

3-24 The report of the Managing Director asked Council to approve the final polling scheme for Polling District and Polling Places for North East Derbyshire.

Members were informed that under section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council was required to carry out a review of the Polling District and Polling Places. The Notice of Review was published on 2 October 2023 and ran until 30 October 2023. A total of 15 submissions were received during the initial consultation period. Five of these were in support of the continued use of the polling place/station. The remaining ten submissions were opposed to using one polling place/station. In this context, Councillor K Gillott objected to the use of Parkhouse Primary School within his ward of Pilsey and Morton.

At the conclusion of the discussion. Councillors N Barker and J Barry

proposed and seconded a motion to approve the recommendations as contained within the report.

The motion was put to the vote and approved.

RESOLVED –

- That the Council approved the final proposals schedule setting out any changes to the designated Polling Districts and Polling Places
- The Managing Director and Head of Paid Service be requested to formally publish the Notice of Conclusion of the Review, its findings, the responses from consultees and all other relevant documentation and to write to any households where their polling station has changed in advance of any elections/referendums taking place including methods of alternative voting arrangements.
- That Council noted that the Electoral Registration Officer will incorporate any changes to the Polling Districts and Polling Places in the revised Register of Electors to be published on 1 December 2023.

COU **Treasury Management Update**

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3-24

The report to Council provided an update on Treasury management for the period April to September 2023.

Members heard that in January 2023, the Council approved the 2023/2024 Treasury Management Strategy including adoption of the updated Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's amended Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice (the CIPFA Code). The Code requires the Council to approve treasury management semi-annual and annual outturn reports, a practice that the Council has followed for many years.

Council was informed that the Code now required that monitoring of prudential indicators be included as part of the reporting process, these are included in Appendix Two to the report.

Councillors P Kerry and N Barker moved and seconded a motion to approve the recommendations as contained within the report.

The motion was put to the vote and approved.

RESOLVED – That Council noted the treasury management activities undertaken during the period April to September 2023 as outlined in Appendix One to the report.

COU **Changes to the Constitution - Speaking at Planning Committee**

/54/2

3-24

The report to Council set out the proposed changes to the Council's Constitution relating to speaking at Planning Committee.

Council was informed that Standards Committee had assessed the arrangements for public participation at Planning Committee at its meeting on 27 July 2023. The

Committee was advised that reducing the number of those who could register to speak on Applications would not hinder Members of the Planning Committee in determining on Applications as they would still be able to receive and take into account written representations and comments from those who supported and objected to Applications.

Members heard that the Standards Committee had agreed to propose a revised text of Section 16.1 of the Members (Councillors) Planning Rules. Included in this revised text was to allow the following to speak at Planning Committee: Local Ward Members, the Member of Parliament, the Agent and Applicant, three additional speakers against an Application and three additional speakers in favour of an Application.

The Standards Committee had also proposed that the Chair of the Planning Committee would be able to consider additional requests to speak on a case-by-case basis.

Council considered the report and the proposed changes. Councillor D Hancock argued that the issue wasn't with the number of speakers but with the repetition of the same arguments. He suggested that Standards Committee should look into how the meetings were Chaired and ensure that speakers were able to present a united and cohesive approach.

Councillor C Cupit thanked Standards Committee for looking into the matter. She argued that it was important for local residents to be able to speak at Planning Committee and that this should remain as open and accessible as possible. She argued that registering speakers on a "first come first served" basis would be unfair and would deter residents from registering to speak.

Councillor M Foster contended that the number of speakers at Planning Committee does not have an adverse effect on the length of the meeting as a whole. He felt that any repetition of arguments or points should be addressed by the Chair.

Councillor A Dale raised concerns over allowing ward Members to speak on Applications within their ward as a single Member ward would not be allocated as many speakers as a three-Member ward. He also suggested that the approach placed pressure on the Chair to decide if an application was contentious enough to allow more speakers.

Councillor R Shipman agreed with the points that had been previously raised and suggested that it should be the role of the Chair of Planning and not the Constitution of the Council to manage speaking during the meetings.

Councillor K Gillott spoke in favour of the recommendations contained in the report. He argued that the proposals addressed many of the concerns that had previously been raised by Members and that as a quasi-judicial Committee, it was important for Planning Committee to have a set of rules to guide them and ensure fairness. He reiterated that many other local authorities have rules over the number of residents allowed to speak at their Planning Committees and that the purpose of speaking at Committee is not to bring up new points or information but to further illustrate arguments already raised by written representation.

Councillors K Gillott and N Barker moved and seconded a motion to approve the recommendations as contained in the report.

Councillors J Barry and S Fawcett felt that a review should take place within 12 months to assess how well the new measures were working in practice.

Councillor R Shipman proposed an amendment to the motion to amend section 2.e. in the recommendations so that a much larger number of speakers should be able to register to speak either for or against an application on a first come first served basis. Councillor D Hancock seconded the amendment.

Councillor C Renwick argued that limits on speakers would constrain large applications as it would not always be possible for only three speakers to convey all of the relative arguments to an application. She also argued that placing a limit on the number of speakers did not necessarily mean that they would not repeat the same arguments.

Councillor C Cupit argued in support of the amendment. She raised concerns over the possibility of a future review finding that limiting the number of speakers had not been successful and what this would mean for any contentious applications that had been debated while the limit was in place.

Councillor F Adlington-Stringer argued that it was important to allow local residents to speak at Planning Committee and that it would be sensible to have a review on the policy within a year.

Councillor M Foster argued that placing a limit on the number of speakers was unnecessary and Housing Developers could fill the limited slots with their own representatives to limit the feedback of local residents.

Councillor D Hancock argued that three was too low a limitation to place on the number of speakers and that the key issue of preventing speakers from repeating the same points was down to how the meeting was managed.

Councillor R Shipman used his right of reply to argue that it was important not to restrict the number of speakers and that Developers would use the limits to their advantage to unfairly gain the system.

The amendment was put to the vote and was defeated.

Councillor C Renwick proposed an amendment to the motion to amend section 2.e. in the recommendations so that 20 other speakers should be able to register to speak either for or against an application on a first come first served basis. Councillor F Adlington-Stringer seconded the amendment.

Councillor N Baker spoke in favour of the amendment and argued that it would be a more reasonable number.

Councillor J Barry spoke against the amendment. She argued that residents were able to write in about applications and that they can appeal to their Parish or District Councillor to speak on their behalf.

Councillor C Renwick used her right of reply to argue that this was a pragmatic approach as it was very rare the Council had large scale applications on which lots of residents wished to speak. She urged any Members that value the input of local residents to support the amendment.

The amendment was put to the vote and was defeated.

Councillor K Gillott accepted a suggested amendment to the motion to alter section 2.e. so that it read that “three other speakers in support of the Application and three other speakers objecting to the Application.

Councillor K Gillott that the Planning Committee needed clear rules in order to work effectively. He informed Members that the Council’s Constitution was reviewed on a yearly basis and that the proposed speaking arrangements could be reviewed as a part of this review.

Councillors A Dale, C Cupit and S Clough requested that a recorded vote be taken on the motion.

The motion was put to the vote and approved.

For: 26

Councillors F Adlington-Stringer, N Barker, J Barry, G Baxter, R Beech, J Birkin, D Cheetham, K Clegg, A Cooper, S Cornwell, M Durrant, S Fawcett, C Fletcher, C Gare, K Gillott, D Higgon, C Lacey, G Morley, N Morley, F Petersen, K Rouse, D Skinner, Caroline Smith, Christine Smith, M Smith, and H Wetherall

Against: 22

Councillors P Antcliff, N Baker, S Clough, C Cupit, A Dale, L Deighton, P Elliott, M Emmens, M Foster, D Hancock, P Jones, W Jones, H Liggett, S Reed, C Renwick, M Roe, R Shipman, R Spooner, M E Thacker MBE, R Welton, P Windley

Abstentions: 0

The motion was approved.

RESOLVED – That:

- Council endorsed the recommendations of Standards Committee on the arrangements for speaking at Planning Committee meetings.
- Council confirmed a revised Section 16.1 of the Members (Councillors) Planning Rules, incorporating the following clarifications and amendments as set out in Section 3.6 of the report:
 - That Local Ward Members and the Elected Member who has referred an application to Planning Committee should be able to register to speak at Committee either for or against an application.
 - That a Parish or Town Council which has made a representation on an application should be able to register to speak at Committee either for or against an application.
 - That a Member of Parliament for the all or part of the North East

Derbyshire District should be able to register to speak either for or against an application.

- That the Applicant and the Agent for an application should be able to register to speak on their application.
- That three others speakers for and three other speakers against an application should be able to register to speak on a first come first served basis.

COU Appointment of Members to Represent the Council on Outside Bodies

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3-24

The report outlined the proposed appointments of Members to serve as the Council's representatives on additional (Outside Bodies) for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

Members heard that following a review, several organisations indicated that they would like the Council to appoint representatives to them. The Leader of the Council has proposed that the following should serve in this capacity:

- Age Concern – Councillor D Skinner
- Eckington Over Sixties Club – Councillor K Clegg
- Ford Angling Club – Councillor T Lacey
- Volunteer Centre – Councillor N Barker to serve in place of Councillor C Gare

Councillors N Barker and J Barry proposed and seconded a motion to approve the recommendations as contained within the report.

The motion was put to the vote and approved.

RESOLVED – That:

- That the proposed appointments to the named Outside Bodies as set out in Section 1.3 of the report be approved.
- That these appointments continue until Annual Council in May 2024

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

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

Question A – Councillor K Gillott to Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council

A question had been submitted by Councillor K Gillott to Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council on what action the Authority has taken to help residents deal with the catastrophic flooding of their homes as a result of Storm Babet. The full text of the question from Councillor K Gillott, marked as Question 'A', was set out in the agenda for the meeting.

The Leader of the Council reiterated his sadness over the loss of life as well as the impact which the flooding had on people and property in the District. Councillor N Barker went on to explain that the District had received an unprecedented amount of rainfall with the Meteorological Office recording that the three day period was the wettest on record for the region. 185 homes and 10 businesses had been flooded in the District with Clay Cross, Shirland, Wingerworth, Eckington and Renishaw all being badly affected.

Council was informed that the depot at Eckington had been flooded leading to damage to the building and equipment. Councillor N Barker gave thanks to staff that worked over the weekend to clear the depot and ensure that the Street Scene were able to complete their rounds on Monday.

The Leader explained the partnership working which had taken place across Derbyshire to help people and communities affected by the floods. As part of this, he highlighted how the Council had supported residents by offering practical help by distributing sandbags and signposting to those other agencies that could offer assistance.

Council learned that after the weekend, senior officers visited the worst affected areas and the contact centre made over 100 welfare calls to residents. Staff and vehicles were also made available for the Derbyshire wide recovery effort and engineers carried out inspections on the worst affected areas in order to identify any immediate work required. The Council had also issued £44,000 in grants and offered council tax relief to over 100 households.

Councillor K Gillott gave thanks to the Managing Director and all staff that had worked on the recovery effort. He asked the Leader what measures would be put in place to ensure that this does not happen again and will he ensure that the Authority takes a leading role in the investigation that will take place following the incident.

Councillor N Barker responded that the Council would be reviewing all of the emergency planning incident responses, that they would be working alongside the flood authority as well as other partners across the County to launch a flood prevention scheme. In this context, the Leader explained that the Managing Director had written to County Council to ask that consideration be given to the creation of a north Derbyshire prevention group.

Question B – Councillor M Foster to Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council

A question had been submitted by Councillor M Foster to Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council on whether the minutes or notes of the Council's working group meeting on the Local Plan will be made available to all members and the public. The full text of the question from Councillor M Foster, marked as Question 'B', was set out in the agenda for the meeting.

Councillor N Barker explained that the Local Plan Working Group was not a Committee of the Council and was not legally required to produce and publish minutes. However, notes of the meetings would be produced, which would form part of quarterly reports to Cabinet and the relevant Scrutiny Committees on the work of the Group. These reports would be published ahead of the scheduled meetings and would be in the public domain.

Councillor M Foster asked as a supplementary question whether the political groups would be allowed to choose their own representatives on the working group.

Councillor N Barker felt that the representation on the Group agreed by Council was appropriate and should remain in place.

Question C – Councillor C Cupit to Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council

A question had been submitted by Councillor C Cupit to Councillor N Barker, the Leader of the Council on his administration's views regarding untidy and unfinished plots of land in the District. The full text of the question from Councillor C Cupit, marked as Question 'C', was set out in the agenda for the meeting.

Councillor N Barker responded the Council would be reviewing all of their plots of land as part of the asset management and housing strategy. The review would ensure that a strategic approach was taken to selling plots. The Leader reminded Members that the Council was not responsible for maintaining privately owned land but that they could take enforcement action against plots which attracted fly tipping or rodents.

The Leader of the Council queried if Councillor C Cupit was referring to land at Priestley Avenue, Mickley. He explained what action had been taken on this.

Councillor C Cupit thanked those Officers for their work on this. She asked the Leader of the Council to commit to completing demolition work on the Green Homes grant fund demolition site in Mickley.

Councillor N Barker agreed to look into this issue and respond to Councillor C Cupit as soon as possible.

Question D – Councillor A Dale to Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council

A question had been submitted by Councillor A Dale to Councillor N Barker, the Leader of the Council on the Administration's intentions with regards to the paused Parking Strategy. The full text of the question from Councillor A Dale, marked as Question 'D', was set out in the agenda for the meeting.

Councillor N Barker explained that the funding for Strategy remained, but that a review of the Strategy was required.

Councillor A Dale asked what the Leader would say to the residents of Wingerworth, Killamarsh, Eckington, Cutthorpe and various other areas who were expecting parking intervention and would now be left in uncertainty.

Councillor N Barker reiterated that the funds were still available in the budget and that a review needed to place to ensure that the right Strategy was put in place.

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3-24**

To consider any Motions from Members under Procedure Rule No 10

MOTION 'A'

A motion submitted by Councillor F Adlington-Stringer related to the current conflict in Gaza. The full text of Councillor F Adlington-Stringer's Motion, set out as Motion 'A' was included on the agenda for the meeting.

Councillor Adlington-Stringer spoke in support of the Motion. As the motion was not seconded Council did not debate or determine on it.

MOTION 'B'

Members considered a motion submitted by Councillor C Cupit, which called on

Council to establish a Planning Policy Steering Group to consider the development of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). The full text of Councillor C Cupit's Motion, set out as Motion 'B' was included on the agenda for the meeting.

Councillor A Dale seconded the motion and reserved his right to speak.

Councillor N Barker spoke against the motion. He argued that there were likely to be changes made to the local plan making process over the next 12 months and as a result, any work done on the SPDs would be largely wasted. Instead, research and data collection around issues such as renewable energy, climate change, biodiversity, town centre planning and car parking strategy would continue. He reminded Members that the Local Plan Review Working Group would be responsible for the consideration of any future SPDs.

Councillor A Dale reminded Councillor N Barker that he and Councillor S Pickering had committed to conducting a review as soon as possible and that this was their opportunity to influence broader planning policy. To wait for government policy to change was the wrong approach.

Councillor C Cupit expressed her disappointment in Councillor N Barker's response. She explained that there could be Members with various expertise that would want to feed into this process but were not part of the Local Plan Review Working Group.

Councillors A Dale, C Cupit and S Clough called for a recorded vote.

The motion was put to the vote and was defeated.

For: 20

Cllrs P Antcliff, N Baker, S Clough, C Cupit, A Dale, P Elliott, M Emmens, M Foster, D Hancock, P Jones, W Jones, S Reed, C Renwick, M Roe, R Shipman, R Spooner, M E Thacker MBE, R Welton, H Wetherall, and P Windley

Against: 24

Cllrs N Barker, J Barry, R Beech, J Birkin, D Cheetham, K Clegg, A Cooper, S Cornwell, M Durrant, S Fawcett, C Fletcher, C Gare, K Gillott, D Higgon, P Kerry, C Lacey, T Lacey, N Morley, F Petersen, K Rouse, D Skinner, Caroline Smith, Christine Smith, and M Smith.

Abstentions: 2

Cllrs F Adlington-Stringer and H Liggett

MOTION 'C'

Members considered a motion submitted by Councillor A Dale which called on the Council to consider the introduction of a loan scheme to enable residents to install driveways, to commit to maintain the budget allocation of £280k and to bring a report to a future meeting of Full Council on a series of options for the next steps for the Parking Strategy. The full text of Councillor A Dale's motion, set out as Motion 'C' was included on the agenda for the meeting.

Councillor C Cupit seconded the motion but reserved her right to speak.

Councillor F Adlington-Stringer spoke against the Motion. He argued that the Council should be investing funding into public transport and supporting residents with active travel and not making them choose between having a greenspace or a driveway.

Councillor N Barker made clear that the parking strategy was still under review. He claimed that the motion in its current form was unfair as it would require future beneficiaries of the scheme to take on debt and would also indirectly benefit other residents but only be paid for through Housing Revenue Account (HRA) tenants.

Councillor N Barker proposed an amendment to the Motion which included a request that the County Council, as the Highways Authority, match fund the District Council's Allocation.

Councillor J Birkin seconded the amendment to the Motion and reserved his right to speak.

Councillor R Shipman shared his support with most of the sentiments proposed in the amendment but argued that the Council should not encourage residents to taken on debts to pay for improvements.

Councillor A Dale spoke against the amendment. He stated that many residents had informed him of their willingness to take out a loan for this improvement. He argued that the original Motion was not unfair as it would be an improvement to parking within a resident's own property. He suggested that the amendment was unfair as the Highways Authority would only be subsidising HRA tenants. It would also set a dangerous precedent for the Highways Authority to be expected to resolve parking issues across the entire County.

Councillors K Gillott and D Hancock spoke in favour of the amendment, they explained that it did not commit the Council to take any action other than a review. A final decision could then be taken by Members at a future meeting of Full Council.

Councillor J Birkin supported the amendment, which would enable progress to be made.

Councillor N Barker reiterated that the Parking Strategy was under review. He accepted that increased parking was required and that it would be a huge benefit if the County Council could match fund the District Council's own financial contribution.

The amendment to the motion was put to the vote and was approved.

Councillor C Cupit stated her support for public transport and informed Members that the Council had received £51.5 million in terms of specific bus funding but that many residents throughout the District required the use of a car. She considered that the amendment had confused the original Motion which was primarily focussed on council houses and tenants but would support the Motion as amended.

Councillor A Dale explained that residents expect the Council to be able to assist them with these issues. He went on to state that there were environmentally friendly drive solutions that could be utilised.

The Motion as amended was put to the vote and was approved.

RESOLVED – That Council:

- Commit to maintaining the budget allocation of £280k pa within the HRA to support improving parking provisions and dealing with acute parking problems where this meets the criteria for HRA spend.
- Invites Cabinet to consider introducing a loan scheme for tenants, funded via the £280k budget allocation, to enable them to install driveways to a design and specification set by the Council and to be repaid at an agreed rate per month to their rent.
- Asks the Leader of the Council and the proposer of this motion to jointly write to the Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Member for Highways, Assets and Transport, inviting them to support this measure to make life better for our tenants and residents by match funding the Council's budget allocation.
- For the Leader of the Council to report back to Council both the response of Derbyshire County Council and the outcome of the Cabinet's review of the car parking strategy.

COU Chairman's Urgent Business (Public)

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3-24 There was no urgent business.

COU Exclusion of Public

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3-24 **RESOLVED** – That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item(s) of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 & 5, Part 1 Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government) (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

COU Stonebroom Regeneration Scheme Borrowing Approval

/60/2

3-24 Council received a report to seek their approval for borrowing to fund the proposed regeneration scheme of the Cleveland Road area at Stonebroom.

RESOLVED – That Council:

- Approved the specified borrowing to fund the regeneration scheme at Stonebroom
- Approved the inclusion of this scheme in the HRA Capital Programme.
- Approved the revised Capital Financing Requirement, Operational Boundary and Authorised as set out in the financial implications of the report.

COU Northwood

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3-24 Council received a presentation from the Director of Growth & Assets which provided them with an update on the Northwood Group Ltd.

COU Senior Management Pay Levels

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3-24 Council received a report which made them aware of an identified threat to the organisation in relation to the recruitment and retention of the Council's Senior Management Team.

Councillors N Barker and P Kerry moved and seconded a motion to approve recommendation B as contained in the report.

Councillor A Dale proposed an amendment to the motion to call for a cross-party working group to research the issues raised in the report in further detail. Councillor C Cupit seconded the amendment.

Councillor A Dale accepted a suggestion that the working party report back to Full Council with a firm proposal by their next meeting on 29 January 2024.

At the conclusion of the debate, the amendment was put to the vote and was approved.

The motion as amended was then put to the vote and approved.

RESOLVED – That having been made aware and now with an understanding of the potential threat identified, that Council agreed to establish a cross party working group to investigate the matter in further detail and report back at the next meeting of Full Council on 29 January 2024.

COU Chairman's Urgent Business (Private)

/63/2

3-24 There was no urgent business.