

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 13 JULY 2020

Present:

Councillor P Antcliff (Chair)

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| Councillor W Armitage | Councillor N Barker |
| Councillor J Barry | Councillor J Birkin |
| Councillor K Bone | Councillor P Bone |
| Councillor S Clough | Councillor A Cooper |
| Councillor S Cornwell | Councillor C Cupit |
| Councillor A Dale | Councillor M Emmens |
| Councillor A Foster | Councillor M Foster |
| Councillor J Funnell | Councillor R Hall |
| Councillor D Hancock | Councillor L Hartshorne |
| Councillor B Hill | Councillor C D Huckerby |
| Councillor A Hutchinson | Councillor M Jones |
| Councillor J Kenyon | Councillor P R Kerry |
| Councillor B Lewis | Councillor H Liggett |
| Councillor J Lilley | Councillor G Morley |
| Councillor P Parkin | Councillor S Pickering |
| Councillor M Potts | Councillor A Powell |
| Councillor T Reader | Councillor O Gomez Reaney |
| Councillor C Renwick | Councillor J Ridgway |
| Councillor M Roe | Councillor D Ruff |
| Councillor K Tait | Councillor R Shipman |
| Councillor R Welton | Councillor M E Thacker MBE JP |
| Councillor P Windley | Councillor N Whitehead |
| | Councillor B Wright |

Also Present:

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| 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 Hickin | Director of Corporate Resources |
| S Sternberg | Joint Head Of Service - Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer |

COU/29/20-21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors L Deighton, P Elliott, A Holmes, C Hunt, K Rouse and L Stone.

COU/30/20-21 **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 declared at this meeting.

COU/31/20-21 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Councillor J Birkin wished to amend the Minutes to include his attendance.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 18 May 2020 be approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

COU/32/20-21 **Chair's Announcements (if any)**

The Chair reported that the new Dean of Derby, the very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, had taken up his new role at the beginning of July. The Service of Collation and Installation of the new Dean would be livestreamed from Derby Cathedral on Sunday 19 July 2020.

COU/33/20-21 **Vote of Thanks to the Outgoing Leader of the Council**

The Chair, Councillor P Antcliff, stated her sincere appreciation of the dedication, commitment and service that Councillor M Thacker MBE had given over the years. The Chair said that he had been a beacon of the Council, demonstrating strong leadership skills and a future-focused strategy. The Chair stated that for her personally, and for many others too, in his role as Leader of the Council, Councillor M Thacker had been a guiding light and had always been there to offer support, guidance and a friendly ear. He would be a hard act to follow and the Chair wished him every success in any projects he undertook in the future.

Councillor A Dale stated that he had been extremely privileged to have worked alongside Councillor M Thacker as deputy group leader. He stated that Councillor Thacker had been a member of the Conservative Party for 37 years and had had a long and distinguished career in local politics. In 2007 he was elected to represent Brampton and Walton Ward for North East Derbyshire District Council and in 2019, Council M Thacker became Leader of North East Derbyshire District Council. Councillor Dale stated that on behalf of the Council, in particular from the Conservative Group, he wished to thank Councillor M Thacker for everything he had done as Group Leader for the past 9 years and as Leader of the Council since May 2019.

Councillor N Barker stated that whilst they were in different political parties he still respected what Councillor M Thacker had done as a Leader. Councillor N Barker added that Councillor Steve Fritchley, Leader of Bolsover District Council, has asked for his thanks and best wishes for the future to be passed on.

Councillor M Thacker MBE stated that he had started life in party politics in 1983 because he had wanted to make a difference. Councillor M Thacker stated that he was first elected to North East Derbyshire District Council in 2007. Councillor M Thacker reported that it was with sadness that he stepped down as Leader of the Council, however he had appreciated the support of elected Members from across the chamber as well as from a number of dedicated staff to which he extended a heartfelt thanks. He stated that he was proud of a number of achievements during his time as Leader, particularly the signing of the Charter for British Sign Language. Councillor M Thacker went on to state that the Council's response to Covid-19 had been outstanding and he took pride in all that had been undertaken to make a difference for residents in the District. Councillor M Thacker stated that this was not retirement for him and he would continue working hard for the residents of the Ward he represented. Councillor M Thacker thanked all who had passed on messages of kindness and congratulations and whilst he anticipated new challenges he remained just as passionate about politics as he had been in 1983.

Councillor T Reader wished Councillor M Thacker lots of luck in his new role. Councillor R Shipman stated that in stepping down Councillor M Thacker would leave big boots to fill and wished him well in his new role and looked forward to working with him as a local Councillor in the interests of residents of North East Derbyshire. Councillor J Funnell stated his thanks for all Councillor Thacker's hard work, particularly over the last 12 months.

Councillor C Cupit stated that Councillor M Thacker worked tirelessly to help a wide variety of residents, charities, and communities across his ward and the District. Councillor C Cupit added that Councillor M Thacker's dedication had been perfectly illustrated during Covid-19, when he had helped adapt the Council to help residents and business. On a personal note Councillor C Cupit wished to add that Councillor M Thacker's advice and political wisdom since she had been a Councillor had been invaluable.

Councillor B Lewis noted Councillor M Thacker's work as Leader of the Council, especially in D2N2 and engaging with external organisations and how Councillor Thacker had been an exemplary advocate for the Council. Councillor D Hancock added his personal respect to Councillor M Thacker wished to pass on his thanks for the inclusivity that he had fostered as Leader of the Council.

Councillor A Powell described Councillor M Thacker as honourable, decisive, fastidious, knowledgeable, sagacious, discerning, shrewd, understanding, traditional, prudent, dedicated and wise. Councillor O Gomez Reaney wished Councillor M Thacker well in his future endeavours. Councillor W Armitage wished to thank Councillor M Thacker for his continued help and advice and Councillor B Hill stated that Councillor M Thacker would be missed as Leader of the Council.

Councillor J Kenyon wished to highlight the depth of knowledge that Councillor M Thacker held about the Council and stated that he set a very high standard for other Councillors to follow. Councillor C Huckerby wished Councillor M Thacker luck and Councillor A Foster wished to pass on her thanks, especially for his dedication as Leader of the Council.

COU/34/20-21 Election of Leader of the Council

RESOLVED - That Councillor A Dale be elected Leader of the Council for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

COU/35/20-21 Appointment of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet 2020/21

The Leader advised Council of the appointment of Councillor C Cupit as Deputy Leader of the Council for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year.

The Leader also advised Council of the changes to the Cabinet Members and their Portfolios for the remainder of the municipal year. This was confirmed as:-

Councillor A Dale
Leader and Portfolio Holder for Overall Strategic Leadership

Councillor C Cupit
Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services

Councillor M Foster
Portfolio Holder for Council Services

Councillor J Kenyon
Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Transformation & Climate Change

Councillor P Parkin
Portfolio Holder for Finance

Councillor A Powell
Portfolio Holder for Housing, Communities, and Communications

Councillor C Renwick
Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth

RESOLVED – That Council notes the Deputy Leader and the Cabinet for 2020/21.

COU/36/20-21 Changes to Appointments to Committees, Advisory Groups and Outside Bodies

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

Councillor R Shipman reported at the meeting amendments to his Group's appointments to Planning Committee and Standards Committee. That Councillor R Shipman replace Councillor D Hancock on Planning Committee, Councillor P Windley replace Councillor R Shipman as the named substitute for Planning Committee and Councillor D Hancock to replace Councillor R Shipman on Standards Committee.

RESOLVED – That the changes to the appointment of Members to Committees, Advisory Groups and Outside Bodies for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year be approved.

COU/37/20-21 Changes to Appointments of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees

A revised list of appointments of the Chairs and Vice Chairs for Council and the Committees had been circulated.

RESOLVED – That the changes to the appointment of Vice Chair of the Council and the Chairs and Vice Chairs for Committees for the remainder of the 2020/21 municipal year be approved.

COU/38/20-21 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 twelve clear working days before the meeting.

The following question was 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 Bewater 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/>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/5976/code_for_sustainable_homes_techguide.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/633442/upgrading-our-energy-system-july-2017.pdf

Councillor J Kenyon, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Transformation and Climate Change, thanked Ms Thoday for the question. Councillor J Kenyon stated that currently there were only a small number of net zero houses or passive houses being built anywhere in the UK. He confirmed that there were none in the first phase of the Avenue and Biwater sites. Councillor J Kenyon explained that net zero for houses did not mean zero emissions, it meant that the total energy consumed by the house was balanced by the total energy produced by on-house generation. Unfortunately, the energy consumption was mainly in cold months and energy production was mainly in the warmer months so extensive off-house energy production would still be required for a house in winter even if every house was net zero.

Councillor J Kenyon went on to explain that district heating offered some better long term possibilities and there were interesting options such as energy from old coal mines, particularly in the Avenue area, or using waste heat from other processes and the Council was investigating several possibilities. The question rightly referred to the long life times of housing being built today and Councillor J Kenyon stated that he shared the view that 100 years would be better than 60 years. However, any on-house production equipment such as solar

panels was only going to have a short life span compared to the life of the house. Typically equipment would be used for 20 to 30 years before needing to be replaced. This allowed more efficient solutions to be introduced over time. He added that the fundamental way to reduce emissions from housing was to reduce the energy needed to heat and cool a house which was down to better design and insulation and other things such as reducing water usage. That was why building standards for new houses focused on these elements and the Council's planning officers spent considerable time working with developers setting out expectations in the Council's planning policies, reviewing planning applications and ensuring energy efficiency requirements were met and exceeded. Councillor J Kenyon stated that the additional build cost for a house built to level 6 standard compared to current regulations was around £20,000 but housing already built today would still be the vast majority of housing in 2050. So while it might be mundane to install high efficiency heating and insulation, doing that in all the housing delivered very high emission reductions and that was the Council's main goal. One key focus would be making sure that North East Derbyshire residents used the recent government initiative which offered home owners up to £5,000 to improve the insulation and boilers in their homes and that went up to £10,000 for people on low income. Another focus would be to continue the Council's program of improving council housing stock via external wall insulation, internal insulation and boiler replacement and also whole house replacements to current standards where needed. The Council's focus was on achieving the biggest reductions and that was where the Council was focusing its efforts.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

In exercising the right to ask a supplementary question of Councillor J Kenyon, Ms Thoday asked if the Council had sought legal planning guidance to establish how the highest standards of energy efficiency that could be required from housing developments could be achieved within the buildings regulations framework rather than settling for the minimum amount that developers could produce. Ms Thoday also stated that Councillor J Kenyon had not answered part of the first question in regards to what effort had been made to engage and work with developers of zero carbon homes.

Councillor J Kenyon responded that the Council was putting its effort into where it believed it would be most effective to be able to achieve the goal of reducing total emissions. Councillor J Kenyon stated that the Council's planning officers were aware of the legal requirements but that they were limited by the legal framework and national requirements they had to operate within, which the Council was not able to change. In 2015, Councils had been told that they could not force the adoption of the level 6 standard. Councillor J Kenyon added that in practice, being limited by national policy and also the difference in cost between level 4 and level 6 standard was substantial and the Council had to balance the need to build affordable homes for the growing population against the extra efficiencies gained between the

level 4 and the level 6 standard. Councillor J Kenyon said that he looked forward to the new future homes standard because it would significantly increase the efficiency of new buildings and estimates put the reduction of the carbon footprint at 60% to 70%. Once that was part of the national regulations it would give a long term benefit to new housing.

COU/39/20-21 Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20

Council considered the Annual Report submitted by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees which provided examples of the work undertaken during the previous municipal year, the current Scrutiny Reviews that were underway, and the plan for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED – That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20 be noted.

COU/40/20-21 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.

One question had been submitted by Members under Procedure Rule 9.2 for this meeting.

(a) Question submitted by 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?”

Councillor C Cupit responding to the question referring to recent correspondence that had un-paused the draft plan and started the next consultation, and also to correspondence during March and April 2020, which had rightly delayed consultation due to Covid-19 as it would not have been appropriate or possible to conduct a consultation at that time. However, Councillor C Cupit confirmed that the initial targeted and technical consultation to update housing land supply had taken place during June 2020 and consultation responses would soon be available on the Council’s website. The inspector was now considering these responses along with some additional work that had taken place and was then expected to set out the next step for the examination. The council remained under examination and it was therefore dependent on the inspector to set the timetable and the process. Councillor C Cupit stated that an update would be added to the website once it was available.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

In exercising his right to ask a supplementary question Councillor N Barker stated that he was trying to find out a timeline of when the plan

would get adopted and asked Councillor C Cupit if she expected the Local Plan to be adopted before the end of 2020?

Councillor C Cupit responded that she would not give a specific timetable as that was up to the inspector and there was still the consultation on the main modifications to undertake but stated that the Council was pushing along with the next stages as quickly as it could.

COU/41/20-21 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.

Three motions had been submitted by Members under Procedure Rule 10 for this meeting.

(a) Motion proposed 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”.

Councillor D Hancock reported that he wished to withdraw his Motion in light of correspondence that had taken place today and thanked officers for their work on this matter.

(b) Motion proposed by Councillor R 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”.

In presenting his motion to Council, Councillor R Shipman stated there were no plans as far as he was aware to raise Councillor Allowances but this was to preempt any attempt to raise such allowances. Covid-19 had placed unprecedented pressure on the Council’s finances, therefore he believed there should be no consideration of an increase to Councillor Allowances until at least 2022. Councillor D Hancock seconded the Motion.

Councillor P Windley stated her support for the Motion.

Councillor A Dale stated that local Conservatives had a proud history of campaigning to keep the cost of politics low.

Councillor D Hancock raised a point of order that under Procedure Rule 12.4 speeches must be directed to the question under discussion.

Councillor A Dale continued, stating that this Motion was not necessary because there were no plans to increase allowances under the current administration and also that Councillors should not be setting their own rate of allowances. It was for an Independent Remuneration Panel to recommend a Scheme and felt that this was the right process that should continue to be followed.

Councillor N Barker stated that whilst he had sympathy for what was in the Motion there was also other factors, such as not setting your own pay, which also needed to be considered.

Councillor S Pickering stated that Councillors pay was independently set and this was the right and proper process.

Councillor D Hancock stated Motions were put forward because it was something that the Councillor believed in and were submitted with the best of intentions. He wished to clarify that this Motion did not take away any money from Councillor Allowances but it made a commitment that the Council would for the current term forgo any increase in allowances that may be proposed.

Councillor Shipman stated that every Motion he had proposed was to improve the Council. He stated that unemployment in the District had almost tripled to 8% during the current crisis and therefore he believed the Council should be standing with residents by committing to no increases to Councillor Allowances.

The motion was **DEFEATED**.

(c) Motion proposed by Councillor P 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."*

Councillor Windley put her Motion to Council which was seconded by Councillor D Hancock. Councillor D Hancock stated that he wished to highlight the excellent job that everyone had done on this and also to the Chair for her work with the Alzheimer's Research UK. He stated that although social care was the responsibility of the County Council, it was very acute how many people were caught in this position and the impact it had on carers. There was little support for those with dementia, especially those with early onset dementia, and little chance of them living a normal life. As the Council had a remit in respect of health and wellbeing this issue should be looked into and to assess what the needs were.

Councillor M Foster stated that there was a lot he could agree with in this Motion. He believed it should be expressed as 'living with' and not 'suffering with' in respect of the 3rd bullet point. In the 4th bullet point he saw this as a criticism of GPs, which he could not support. He also stated that he did not support to undertake a District-wide survey, as this had not been considered with regards to what else the Council had to undertake. Councillor M Foster stated that the proper method for this should be through the scrutiny committees, as each scrutiny committee had health and wellbeing in its remit. It could then be appropriately discussed and planned. He therefore made a proposal for an amendment to the Motion as follows:-

AMENDMENT

"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 living** 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."*~~

The amendment was seconded by Councillor J Kenyon. He stated that he supported the thrust of the Motion but the section that required a detailed survey into one particular issue in isolation of all other things that had claims on council resources was an unnecessary micro-management of council business.

Councillor D Hancock explained that the fourth bullet point was not a criticism, it was recognition of the fact that people with early on-set dementia often did not recognise that they had an issue so getting them to go to the doctor or involving adult social care was often difficult.

Councillor B Hill stated that she had personal experience in regard to this issue and would be supporting the Motion. Councillor Hill stated that it was very difficult to get a diagnosis of early on-set dementia in younger people.

Councillor R Shipman agreed with the intent of the Motion and proposed a possible re-wording for the fourth bullet point to read 'often the patients through no fault of any service provider are not able to get the diagnosis of dementia' and to agree in principle that a survey would take place but for one of the scrutiny committees to confirm the details.

Councillor M Foster stated that he did not agree with the proposed changes Councillor R Shipman suggested and he wished his amendment to stand as originally stated.

Councillor N Barker stated he had intended to support the Motion but would now be happy to support the amendment. He thought that Councillors P Windley and B Hill should be invited to the scrutiny committee which dealt with this because they had the background knowledge. He believed that all Councillors wanted the system to be better so nobody fell through the gaps. He also wished to thank all staff for their work during the past five months and the Council should not forget the work they had done, and to keep staffing levels at a suitable level.

Councillor J Ridgway stated that the Council should be looking at the mental health of all people who had been affected by the Covid-19

crisis. She added that Covid-19 had affected people tremendously.

Councillor M Thacker MBE accepted what Councillor J Ridgway had said and added that mental health and wellbeing during the Covid-19 period had been a severe downside of what had happened during the pandemic for many people but believed this was a separate issue from dementia and Alzheimer's. Councillor M Thacker stated that he felt the Motion did not go far enough and he would support the amendment. He stated that there was already recognised data for North East Derbyshire and would prefer to see the next actions of the Council as action focused; working with charities and groups to help them tackle Alzheimer's and dementia and for the Council to undertake targeted work with the clinical commissioning group and public health organisations.

Councillor M Foster made clear that his amendment did not recommend this to any scrutiny committee and it would be up to individual Members to raise this issue at a scrutiny committee meeting.

Councillor A Dale expressed his support for the amendment and stated that he felt it was appropriate for the possibility of a survey to be raised at a scrutiny committee.

Councillor D Hancock stated that scrutiny could not set policy or priorities, it could only make recommendations and he would vote against the amendment because it took away from the proactivity of the Motion. The aim of the Motion was to get work started on this issue.

Councillor T Reader stated that she felt the amendment should be supported and that a scrutiny review of this would be more beneficial and would achieve the purpose of the Motion.

Councillor P Windley stated that the Motion was not meant as a criticism of the work of GPs or adult social care and she was happy to go along with whatever route would assure people received the help that they needed.

The amendment was carried to become the substantive motion.

Councillor R Shipman expressed his disappointment that the amendment had been carried.

The Motion, as amended, was **CARRIED**.

RESOLVED – That Council:-

Noted:

- 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 living with, or caring for, early stage dementia experienced challenges over and above those faced by many others in our community.

Resolved:

- 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.

COU/42/20-21 Chair's Urgent Business

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