

## COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

on Thursday, 1st December, 2022 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Councillor David Walters in the Chair;

Councillors John Baird, Chris Baron,  
Kier Barsby, Jamie Bell, Will Bostock,  
Samantha Deakin, Dale Grounds,  
Andrew Harding, David Hennigan, Tom Hollis,  
Trevor Locke, Andy Meakin, Lauren Mitchell,  
Keir Morrison, Warren Nuttall, Matthew Relf,  
Dave Shaw, John Smallridge, Lee Waters,  
Caroline Wilkinson, John Wilmott and  
Jason Zadrozny.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Christian Chapman,  
Melanie Darrington, Andy Gascoyne,  
Arnie Hankin, Rachel Madden, Sarah Madigan,  
David Martin, Kevin Rostance, Phil Rostance,  
Helen-Ann Smith and Daniel Williamson.

**Officers Present:** Lynn Cain, Ruth Dennis, Theresa Hodgkinson,  
Peter Hudson, Mike Joy, Abbie Smith and  
Shane Wright.

### **C.43 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and/or Non-Registrable Interests**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **C.44 Minutes**

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 29 September, as now submitted, be received and approved.

### **C.45 Announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet and the Head of Paid Service**

Leader of the Council

The Leader reminded Members that the State of Ashfield Debate was due to take place the following week, Thursday 8 December, to discuss the current Cost of Living Crisis. Lots of guests had been invited and Members were encouraged to attend to enable the issue to be thoroughly debated and to proactively find solutions for supporting Ashfield's residents through the next few, difficult months.

### Chief Executive

The Chief Executive welcomed Councillor Nicholas Parvin to the Chamber as the new Member for Hucknall Central Ward following the By-Election on 23 November 2022.

### Executive Lead Member for Licensing, Environmental Health and Regulatory Services

The Lead Member took the opportunity to congratulate the Council on the success of the Hucknall Christmas Lights Switch On event which took place on 30 November 2022. It was very well attended, and the Rotary Club did a splendid job in supporting the event.

## **C.46 Questions from the Public**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the following question had been submitted by Gavin Richards:

*“I would like to ask the leader of ADC and CEO why they are renting out the Watnall Road Council Offices to a Commercial Profit Making organisation (Sports Gateway) for a severely discounted fee - just covering utilities bills. How does this meet fair market value you should be seeking for rents and is this type of deal available to all commercial businesses? Who specifically signed this deal off and can you be sure there is no conflict of interest?”*

Due to the fact Mr. Richards was unable to attend the meeting, the Chairman read out the question in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11.7.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Jason Zadrozny, addressed the Chamber and advised that he would be responding to the question in writing.

## **C.47 Petitions**

No petitions were submitted for consideration.

## **C.48 Changes to Political Balance and Committee Memberships (following Hucknall Central By Election in 23 November 2022)**

Council was requested to consider and approve the changes to political balance and Committee membership seats following the Hucknall Central By Election held on 23 November 2022.

RESOLVED that

- a) the overall allocation of seats by group, as detailed in Table A of the report, be noted;
- b) the allocation of seats on Committees detailed in Table B of the report, be also noted;

- c) Councillor Nicholas Parvin be appointed to sit on the Chief Officers' Employment Committee.

During consideration of this item, the meeting was adjourned at 7.16pm and reconvened at 7.20pm.

Councillor Tom Hollis joined the meeting 7.15pm and Councillors Chris Baron and Lauren Mitchell left the meeting at 7.16pm.

#### **C.49 Interim Review of a Single Polling Place**

Council was requested to approve the commencement of a public consultation exercise regarding the relocation of one polling place in the Sutton Central & New Cross Ward, due to the possible future unavailability of an existing venue.

RESOLVED that

- a) the draft recommendations set out in this report for public consultation, be approved;
- b) the findings of the consultation exercise be reported back to Council in February 2023.

#### **C.50 Recommendations from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2(ix), Council considered the following recommendations:

Minute No. CA.34  
Cabinet, 8 November 2022  
Funding Update

RESOLVED that

- a) subject to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) approval, an amendment be made to the Capital Programme values for the Towns Fund and Future High Streets Fund schemes as outlined in the Cabinet report;
- b) following receipt of the funds, it be agreed that Section 106 monies be included on the Capital Programme, again as outlined in the Cabinet report.

(During consideration of this item and in accordance with the Constitution and the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor Dave Shaw declared a Non-Registrable Interest in relation to his current membership of the Mansfield and Sutton Astronomical Society (Sherwood Observatory). His interest was such that he left the room for the duration of the item and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon.)

**C.51 Updates from Members of the Cabinet on their Portfolio Activity**

The following Cabinet Members gave updates in relation to their portfolio activity:

Councillor John Wilmott – Executive Lead Member for Licensing, Environmental Health and Regulatory Services

Councillor Matthew Relf – Executive Lead Member for Regeneration and Corporate Transformation

Councillor Samantha Deakin - Executive Lead Member for Parks, Town Centres and Environmental Services

Councillor David Hennigan, Executive Lead Member for Climate Action Strategy and Corporate Communications

Councillor Jason Zadrozny – Leader of the Council

**C.52 Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion submitted by Members.

**C.53 Questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13**

There were no questions submitted by Members.

**C.54 Questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.2 - In relation to Cabinet and Committee Meeting Minutes published since the last ordinary meeting of the Council**

There were no questions submitted by Members.

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm

Chairman.