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Council

Minutes of a Council meeting held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 2nd March, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Sue Bull - In the Chair

Councillors: Andrew Shirley, Jacqueline Allison, Robert Archer, Jason Atkin, Richard Bright, Matt Buckler, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, Neil Buttle, David Chapman, Tom Donnelly, Helen Froggatt, Chris Furness, Clare Gamble, Dawn Greatorex, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, David Hughes, Stuart Lees, Tony Morley, Garry Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Peter Slack, Andrew Statham, Colin Swindell, Steve Wain and Mark Wakeman

Paul Wilson (Chief Executive), James McLaughlin (Director of Corporate and Customer Services (Monitoring Officer)), Karen Henriksen (Director of Resources), Steve Capes (Director of Regeneration & Policy), Giles Dann (Regeneration and Place Manager), Kerry France (Legal Services Manager), Jim Fearn (Communications & Marketing Manager) and Lucy Harrison (Democratic Services Assistant)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Paul Cruise, Graham Elliott, Richard FitzHerbert, Steve Flitter, Michele Morley, Dermot Murphy, Peter O'Brien, Janet Rose, Mark Salt and Alasdair Sutton.

310/22 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

311/22 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Tom Donnelly, Seconded by Councillor Stuart Lees and

RESOLVED

That the minutes of a meeting of Council held on 26 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

Voting

26 For 01 Against 00 Abstained

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

312/22 - INTERESTS

Item 6 – Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2026/27

Councillor Martin Burfoot declared a personal interest in Item 6 due to being a member of Matlock Community Vision.

Councillor Sue Burfoot declared a personal interest in Item 6 due to being a member of Matlock Community Vision.

313/22 - CORPORATE PLAN 2023-24 - Q3 PERFORMANCE 2022/23 AND SPECIFIC TARGETS FOR 2023/24

The Director of Regeneration and Policy introduced a report advising Members of performance against the District Council's Corporate Plan targets during the first nine months of 2022/23. The report also set out specific Corporate Plan targets for 2023/24 based on the target areas that the Council set on 26th January 2023.

It was noted that the Corporate Plan set out the top priorities of the District Council, and was the key strategy from which the District Council's Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Service Plans would cascade.

For the coming financial year (2023/24), the report recommended 24 specific actions for the Corporate Plan priority target areas as adopted by Council on 26th January 2023. Specific actions for these priority target areas were proposed in Section 2 of the report and Appendix 2.

The report indicated that at the end of the third quarter of 2022/23, 18 of the 26 (69%) targets were on track for achievement by the target date set. A further 8 targets were at risk of not being achieved by the target date set and may be achieved later than originally planned.

It was moved by Councillor Garry Purdy, Seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- 1. That the Corporate Plan targets for 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved.
- 2. That performance to date against 2022/23 Corporate Plan targets, as set out in the report and appendix 1, be noted.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

314/22 - CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 TO 2026/27

The Director of Resources introduced a report which:

- Presented the current financial position of spend against the 2022/23 Capital Programme as at 31st December 2022;
- Updated Members on the position regarding the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) capital grant allocation and provided Members with details of activity proposed under the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) capital grant allocation a rural 'top-up' to the UKSPF programme added to the Capital Programme;
- Updated Members on the position regarding the Bakewell Road, Matlock scheme following the recent tender process and set out proposals for consideration for utilising additional UKSPF/REPF grant to support the scheme;
- Explained other proposed changes to the capital programme for 2022/23 to 2026/27 and associated financing;
- Sought approval for the updated capital programme for 2022/23 to 2026/27 and associated financing.

The first part of the report presented the current financial position of spend against the 2022/23 Capital Programme as at 31st December 2022.The remainder of the report described new bids and other updates to the capital programme for 2022/23 to 2026/27 and associated funding.

With the Chairs agreement, the Regeneration and Place Manager gave an update to Members regarding the Land at Bakewell Road, Matlock: Proposed Conversion of Former Market Hall and Public Realm Improvements which was detailed in Appendix E to the report.

Members were informed that an Invitation To Tender (ITT) was published on 3 November 2022. Unfortunately, following a review of compliance, quality and price, an acceptable / affordable tender had not been received to deliver the core scheme. It was noted that the tender process had illustrated the challenge of delivering the proposed scheme within the current market impacted by the volatile situation within the construction industry and high inflation.

Due to the recognised significant commitment of the District Council to the Bakewell Road scheme and to avoid further delay, the allocation of UKSPF capital funding of £273,000 to support delivery of the scheme was proposed, with a further provisional allocation of REPF

funding of up to £135,737 subject to the outcome of the tender process. Following this, a final Capital programme allocation would be determined based on the minimum funding necessary for the scheme to proceed.

The recommendations as set out in the report were moved by Councillor Neil Buttle and seconded by Councillor Steve Wain with the addition of the following amendment to recommendation 6:

"6. That authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Policy in consultation with group leaders to enter into the required contract documentation for the Bakewell Road shell construction and public realm works subject to an acceptable tender being received and the tendered costs being within the amended Capital Programme budget. Should tendered costs for these works exceed the amended budget, a report will be bought back to Council for consideration."

The motion was then put to the vote and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- 1. That the Capital Programme spend to 31st December 2022 be noted.
- 2. That new projects totalling £16,016,396 (set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report) and other revisions set out in paragraph 3.2 and Appendix C of the report, be approved for inclusion in the Capital Programme.
- 3. That the updated capital programme for 2022/23 to 2026/27 set out in Appendix B to the report totalling £35,858,944 be approved.
- 4. That financing of the Capital Programme from the sources summarised at paragraph 3.3 be approved.
- 5. That further UK Shared Prosperity Fund capital of £273,000 be included within the Capital Programme to support delivery of the Bakewell Road, Matlock scheme, along with a further provisional allocation of Rural England Prosperity Funding (a rural top-up to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund allocation) of up to £135,737 subject to the outcome of the tender process and review of final scheme proposals.
- 6. That authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Policy, in consultation with group leaders, to enter into the required contract documentation for the Bakewell Road shell construction and public realm works subject to an acceptable tender being received and the tendered costs being within the amended Capital Programme budget. Should tendered costs for these works exceed the amended budget, a report will be bought back to Council for consideration.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Councillor Richard Bright left the meeting at 19:08pm

315/22 - REVENUE BUDGET AND SERVICE PLANS 2023/24

The Director of Resources introduced a report seeking approval for the District Council's Service Plans, the Revenue budget for 2023/24 and the updated Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

Appendix 1 to the report set out revenue spending proposals for all of the Council's services and activities. These were linked to the service plans for 2023/24. It was noted that the forecasts of revenue spending requirements included both the revenue financing costs and running/operating expenditure associated with the Capital Programme.

In addition to considering the spending proposals for the forthcoming year, it was noted that CIPFA's Financial Management Code required the preparation of an MTFP. This showed the known changes in financial commitments for future years to ensure that the implications for future spending requirements could be identified in advance and included in the strategic planning process. An updated MTFP was provided in Appendix 4.

The report also covered the following topics:

- Local Government Finance Settlement for 2023/24
- Net Spending and Council Tax Requirement
- Council Tax
- Medium Term Financial plan (MTFP)
- Reserves and Balances
- Savings
- Chief Finance Officer's Statutory Report
- Financial Management Code
- Town / Parish Council Precepts
- Pay Policy Statement
- Options Considered and Recommended Proposals
- Consultation

It was moved by Councillor Garry Purdy, seconded by Councillor Susan Hobson

RESOLVED

- 1. That the level of Derbyshire Dales District Council's Council Tax (excluding parish requirements) for 2023/24 be increased by £6.58 per band D (2.94%) from the 2022/23 level, i.e. to £230.10 for Band D.
- 2. That the estimated net revenue expenditure for 2023/24 totalling £13,667,041 as detailed in the Summary Revenue Account in Appendix 2, be approved.
- 3. That the net revenue expenditure for 2022/23 (revised budget) totalling £11,854,818 as detailed in the Summary Revenue Account in Appendix 2, be approved.
- 4. That, when identified after 31 March 2023, the actual under- or over-spend for 2022/23 be treated as follows:
 - Underspending transfer to the general reserve;
 - Overspending amounts taken from relevant reserves where appropriate, with balance from the general reserve.
- 5. That the minimum level of uncommitted working balances be approved at £1,000,000 at 1st April 2023, and £1,000,000 at 1st April 2024.

- 6. That the net sum of £1,464,926 be transferred from strategic reserves in 2023/24, as shown in Appendix 2 and detailed in Appendix 5.
- 7. That the net sum of £2,333,002 be transferred to strategic reserves in 2022/23 (revised budget), as shown in Appendix 2 and detailed in Appendix 5.
- 8. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the chargeable financial year 2022/23 in accordance with Section 31A of the Localism Act 2011:
 - i. Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimated for the items set out in Section 31A(2)(a) to (f) thereof is £34,407,190;
 - ii. Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimated for the items set out in Section 31A(3)(a) to (d) thereof is £25,383,396;
 - iii. Calculation under Section 31A(4) being the amount of which the aggregate at (i) above exceeds the aggregate of (ii) above, as the Council Tax Requirement for 2023/24 is £9,023,794.
- 9. That the updated Medium Term Financial Plan, shown in Appendix 4, be approved.
- 10. That service reductions to achieve the Corporate Savings Target "Continue a programme to identify efficiency savings and/or additional income of £286,000 a year by 2024/25" and that savings for 2025/26 and beyond be put on hold pending the outcome of the government reviews of Council funding.
- 11. That the Director of Resources' report on the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves in accordance with clause 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 be noted.
- 12. That Council adopts the Pay Policy Statement for 2023/24, set out in Appendix 9 to this report.
- 13. That the Derbyshire Dales District Council Service Plans (as set out in Appendix 10) are approved.

Statutory legislation required a recorded vote in respect of the Revenue Budget in accordance with rule of procedure 19e

The recorded vote was as follows:

- For: 24 Councillors: Jacqueline Allison, Robert Archer, Matt Buckler, Sue Bull, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, Neil Buttle, David Chapman, Tom Donnelly, Helen Froggatt, Chris Furness, Dawn Greatorex, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, David Hughes, Stuart Lees, Tony Morley, Garry Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack, Andrew Statham, Steve Wain and Mark Wakeman.
- Against: 2 Councillors: Clare Gamble and Colin Swindell.

Abstention: 0 Councillors

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

316/22 - COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2023/24

The Director of Resources introduced a report which enabled the Council to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2023/24.

The Local Government Finance Act 1992, amended by the Localism Act 2011, required the billing authority to calculate a Council Tax requirement for the year.

The precept levels of other precepting bodies were included in the report. The detailed recommendations were set out in the formal Council Tax Resolution in Appendices A - C to the report and subject to their approval the total Band D Council Tax would be as tabled in 2.7 of the report.

It was moved by Councillor Tom Donnelly, seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Council approves the formal Council Tax resolution set out in Appendices A to C of the report.
- 2. That the Council endorses the following in respect of the empty homes premium:
 - a) That the Council continues to apply a council tax empty homes premium of 100% in respect of any dwelling that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for at least 2 years but less than 5 years, except where statutory exemptions apply.
 - b) That, with effect from 1st April 2023, the Council will apply a council tax empty homes premium of 200% in respect of any dwelling that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for at least 5 years but less than 10 years, except where statutory exemptions apply.
 - c) That, with effect from 1st April 2023, the Council will apply a council tax empty homes premium of 300% in respect of any dwelling that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for at least 10 years, except where statutory exemptions apply.

Statutory legislation required a recorded vote in respect of the Council Tax Setting in accordance with rule of procedure 19e.

The recorded vote was as follows:

For: 25 Councillors: Jaqueline Allison, Robert Archer, Matt Buckler, Sue Bull, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, Neil Buttle, David Chapman, Tom Donnelly, Helen Froggatt, Chris Furness, Clare Gamble, Dawn Greatorex, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, David Hughes, Stuart Lees, Tony Morley, Garry Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Andrew Shirley, Peter Slack, Andrew Statham, Steve Wain, Mark Wakeman

Against: 1 Councillor: Colin Swindell.

Abstention: 0 Councillors

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

317/22 - TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2023/24

The Director of Resources introduced a report determining the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2023/24, as required by The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2021 Edition (the CIPFA Code).

It was noted that treasury management was the management of the Council's cash flows, borrowing and investments, and the associated risks. The Council borrows and invests substantial sums of money and is therefore exposed to financial risks including the loss of invested funds and the revenue effect of changing interest rates.

Appendix 1 to the report set out the Treasury Management Statement for 2023/24 .

It was moved by Councillor Tom Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2023/24 and the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators contained within be approved.

The chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

318/22 - CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY REPORT FOR 2023/24

The Director of Resources introduced a report seeking approval for the Council's Capital Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision policy and the Corporate Investment Strategy for 2023/24.

The capital strategy report gave Members a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management activity contribute to the provision of local public services, along with an overview of how associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.

It was noted that the decisions made this year on capital and treasury management would have financial consequences for the Authority for many years into the future. They were therefore subject to both a national regulatory framework and to local policy framework, as summarised in the report.

Members were informed that The Prudential Code (2021 edition) stipulated that it was not prudent for local authorities to make any investment or spending decision that would increase the Capital Financing Requirement and so may lead to new borrowing, unless directly and primarily related to the functions of the authority and where any commercial returns are related to the financial viability of the project in question. The UK Government's rules for accessing the Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) funding required statutory chief officers to verify that their local authority's capital spending plans do not include the acquisition of assets primarily for yield.

Members were informed that the Council had not borrowed from the PWLB for the acquisition of assets primarily for yield.

It was moved by Councillor Tom Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Andrew Shirley and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the Capital Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy and the Corporate Investment Strategy for 2022/23 be approved.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 7.45 pm

Chairman

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Governance & Resources Committee

Minutes of a Governance & Resources Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 8th March, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Tom Donnelly - In the Chair

Councillors: David Chapman, Sue Bull, Helen Froggatt, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, Stuart Lees and Neil Buttle

Present as substitute - Councillor(s): David Hughes

Tim Braund (Director of Regulatory Services), Karen Henriksen (Director of Resources), Deborah Unwin (Human Resources Manager), Jenny Williams (Head of the Internal Audit Consortium), Joanna Hill (Climate Change Project Officer), Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader) and Angela Gratton (Democratic Services Officer)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Dermot Murphy, Garry Purdy, Alasdair Sutton, Robert Archer, Paul Cruise, Steve Flitter, Mike Ratcliffe and Colin Swindell

319/22 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

18:02 pm - Councillor Neil Buttle joined the meeting

It was moved by Councillor David Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Helen Froggatt and

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Governance and Resources Committee held on 16 February 2023 be approved as a correct record.

Voting:

07 For 00 Against 01 Abstention

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

320/22 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

321/22 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

322/22 - QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE OF PROCEDURE NUMBER 15

No questions were submitted.

323/22 - PROPOSED NEW EMPLOYMENT POLICY - SUBSTANCE MISUSE

The Human Resources Manager introduced a report which sought approval to adopt the proposed new employment policy on Substance Misuse. It was noted that this policy was being implemented to introduce a standard and not to address an existing problem in the authority.

The proposed policy covered the misuse of illegal drugs, alcohol, prescription drugs, solvents and other substances that could adversely affect work performance and/or Health and Safety. The Human Resources Manager informed the Committee that the Council would take a balanced approach between supporting employees who may seek help with a dependency and managing misuse in order to maintain the health and safety of all employees (and others with whom they come into contact).

The proposed policy also aimed to ensure the protection of the Council's reputation and its ability to deliver high quality, effective services. Members were informed that the Council would reserve the right to implement the disciplinary procedure where a manager identifies substance misuse as a safety issue. It was also noted within the report that all staff and managers would be briefed on the processes prior to the launch of the policy, together with the list of possible sources for help.

It was moved by Councillor Susan Hobson, Seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the proposed new employment Policy on Substance Misuse be adopted.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

18:06 – Deborah Unwin, Human Resources Manager left the meeting.

324/22 - INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24

The Head of the Internal Audit Consortium introduced a report which presented the 2023/24 Internal Audit Plan for approval. Members were informed of the key requirement of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, that a periodic risk based plan should be prepared that should be sufficiently flexible to reflect the changing risks and priorities of the organisation. The risk based plan should be fixed for a period of no longer than one year, it should also outline the assignments to be carried out, their respective priorities and the estimated resources needed.

Due to the Council's Auditors leaving the Authority and an inability to recruit to these positions, the Committee were informed that the Director of Resources would be readvertising the positions with the addition of a market supplement. As a result of these difficulties, not all 2022/23 audits had been completed and as a result the 2022/23 Internal Audit Plan had largely rolled over to 2023/24. It was noted that the days for the audits that were completed had been added to contingency, with the exception of 10 days that were allocated to climate change as a topical high risk area.

The report noted the following factors taken into account during the preparation of the plan:

- The organisation's objectives and priorities.
- Local and national issues and risks.
- The requirement to produce an annual internal audit opinion adequate coverage of risk, governance and control arrangements.
- The Council's Strategic and Operational Risk Registers.
- The views of the Director of Resources and Corporate Leadership Team.

It was also noted that completion of the proposed plan for 2023/24 would rely on the ability to recruit internal audit staff or the implementation of other options.

It was moved by Councillor David Chapman, Seconded by Councillor Helen Froggatt and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the proposed internal audit plan for 2023/24 be agreed.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

18:12 – Jenny Williams, Head of the Internal Audit Consortium left the meeting.

325/22 - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23 - APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Director of Resources introduced a report which sought Member approval for the Accounting Policies to be used within the Derbyshire Dales District Council's Statement of Accounts 2022/23, the report highlighted any changes from the previous year. Full details of all the proposed accounting policies for 2022/23 were provided at Appendix 1 of the agenda, with proposed changes shown by red text.

The report noted the requirement for the Council to publish its Statement of Accounts by the 31st May and informed the Committee that their consideration of the Accounting Policies in advance of the production and publication of the Statement of Accounts was considered best practice.

Members were informed that it may become necessary to amend a policy during the preparation of the Statement of Accounts for 2022/23. If this were to occur, the change and the reason for the change would be reported back to the Governance & Resources Committee at its next available meeting and / or would be highlighted within the report when the Statement of Accounts is presented to Members for approval.

It was moved by Councillor Susan Hobson, Seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the 2022/23 Accounting Policies be approved for use within the Statement of Accounts.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

326/22 - ARREARS FOR WRITE OFF 2022/23

The Director of Resources introduced a report providing members with information about debtor write offs authorised by the Director of Resources under delegated authority in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations. The report also sought approval for the write off of individual debts exceeding £10,000 in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations. The schedule of write offs were itemised in Appendix 1 of the agenda.

The position as at 6 February 2023 was summarised within the report, including the details of three proposed write offs over £10,000 which required the Committee's approval. It was noted that most write offs in 2022/23 related to cases involving bankruptcy, insolvency, debt relief orders, where payers were deceased or had left with no trace or where debts were uneconomic to pursue. The three write offs over £10,000 proposed in the report were for non-domestics rates, these were shown in Appendix 1 and totalled £42,615.05.

It was moved by Councillor Sue Bull, Seconded by Councillor David Chapman and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the individual amounts exceeding £10,000 listed in Appendix 1 totalling £42,612.05 be written off.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

327/22 - TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2022/23

The Director of Resources introduced a report summarising the treasury management activities for the first six months of 2022/23 and seeking approval for the Treasury Management Mid-Year report for 2022/23. The mid-year report compares actual treasury management activities for the financial year to 30th September 2022, against the Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23.

It was noted within the report that the Council had long adopted the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice (the CIPFA Code), this required the Council to approve treasury management mid-year and annual reports. It was also noted that the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23 was approved at the 24th March meeting of Council. On 30th September 2022, the Council had net investments of £31.4m arising from its revenue and capital income and expenditure.

Due to the substantial sums of money invested by the Council and associated financial risks, such as loss of invested funds or the revenue effects of changing interest rates, Members were made aware of the importance of successful identification, monitoring and control of risk, central to the Council's treasury management strategy.

The report detailed how the Authority measures and manages its exposures to treasury management risks using the following indicators: Security, Liquidity, Interest Rate Exposures, Maturity Structure of Borrowing and Principal Sums Invested for periods longer than a year. These indicators were detailed in section 2.5 (Treasury Management Indicators) of the report.

It was moved by Councillor Susan Hobson, Seconded by Councillor Sue Bull and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for 2022/23 be approved.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

18:30 – Tim Braund, Director of Regulatory Services left the meeting due to a personal interest in the following item.

328/22 - DECARBONISATION OF THE ARC LEISURE CENTRE (MATLOCK) AND WIRKSWORTH LEISURE CENTRE

The Climate Change Project Officer introduced a report which sought agreement to accept a grant offer of £1.9m from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) phase 3b in order to decarbonise the Arc Leisure Centre Matlock and Wirksworth Leisure Centre. The report also sought a recommendation from the Committee to request that the Council approve an addition to the capital programme for 2024/25 of the sum of £2,189,500 for the decarbonisation scheme, to be financed by a grant of £1,925,500 and a 'like for like' contribution of £264,000, the latter being financed from the capital receipts reserve.

The report explained the aim of the PSDS, which provides grants for public sector bodies to fund heat decarbonisation and energy efficiency measures, putting the public sector at the forefront of decarbonising buildings in the UK and in a leadership role to create exemplar projects in our communities that pave the way to help the UK meet its Carbon Budgets and Net Zero commitments. It was noted that most of the buildings rely on fossil fuel-based heating and, as these heating systems approach the end of their working lives, it provides an ideal opportunity to transition those systems to low carbon heating.

Members were informed that should the Council choose to take advantage of the opportunity presented and accept the offer ensuring that the necessary funding is

available in the capital programme for 2024/25, the timetable for implementation is for the project to begin in April 2024, to be completed by March 2025. Both sites would benefit from significant capital investment in their heating systems which would be difficult to secure elsewhere, reducing likely ongoing maintenance requirements and ensuring their longevity.

It was moved by Councillor Helen Froggatt, Seconded by Councillor David Chapman and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- 1. That the grant offer set out in this report be accepted.
- 2. That Council be requested to approve an addition to the capital programme for 2024/25 of the sum of £2,189,500 for 'PSDS3b Decarbonisation at Arc Leisure Centre Matlock and Wirksworth Leisure Centre', to be financed by a grant of £1,925,500 and a 'like for like' contribution of £264,000, the latter being financed from the capital receipts reserve.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 6.44 pm

Chairman



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Planning Committee

Minutes of a Planning Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 14th March, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Jason Atkin - In the Chair

Councillors: Jacqueline Allison, Robert Archer, Sue Burfoot, Neil Buttle, Tom Donnelly, Graham Elliott, Richard FitzHerbert, David Hughes and Peter Slack

Present as Substitute - Councillors: Mark Wakeman

Members of the Public – 25

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Helen Froggatt, Stuart Lees, Peter O'Brien and Janet Rose

329/22 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, Seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14 February 2023 be approved as a correct record.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

330/22 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

331/22 - APPLICATION NO. 22/01299/FUL

The Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

It was moved by Councillor Tom Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions set out in the report.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

332/22 - APPLICATION NO. 22/01373/OUT

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mr Andrew Stock (Agent) spoke in support of the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised a summary of additional information submitted by the applicant including: an amended proposed site access drawing; Transport Assessment; amended Residential Travel Plan; letter from York Archaeology; and a rebuttal letter in regard to heritage issues. Comments received from the Highway Authority, DCC Development Control Archaeologist and from the agent regarding the former allotments on the site were also summarised.

It was moved by Councillor Sue Burfoot, seconded by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That planning permission be refused for the reasons set out in section 8.0 of the report.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

333/22 - APPLICATION NO. 23/00069/FUL

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mr Stuart Atkinson (Applicant) spoke in support of the application. Ms Bo Hamilton-Cody (Local Resident) and Ms Lizzie Watt (Local Resident) spoke against the application, Councillor David Mowle (Matlock Bath Parish Council) commented on the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of comments received from the Local Highway Authority, District Council's Design and Conservation Officer, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and Local Residents. A correction to the report which stated the site was located within the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, the site is however located within the World Heritage Site Buffer Zone.

It was moved by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert, seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

RESOLVED

That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions set out in the report with the following additional condition:

1. No development shall commence until a Construction Management Plan (to minimise the impacts of construction upon residents and the local area) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall not be carried out other than in accordance with the approved Construction Management Plan.

Reason:

To minimise the impacts of construction upon the amenity of neighbouring properties and the local area in accordance with policies PD1 and PD9 of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (2017).

Voting

6 For (Chair's casting vote used) 5 Against 1 Abstentions

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

334/22 - APPLICATION NO. 23/00038/OUT

The Development Manager gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Claire Preston (Agent) spoke in support of the application. Mrs Paula Groom (Local Resident), Mr Simon Groom (Local Resident) and Cllr. Arthur Champion (Hulland Ward Parish Council) spoke against the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of a letter from the agent, a letter from the applicants solicitor and a location plan with the access corridor shown in yellow.

It was moved by Councillor David Hughes, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED

That planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

The development would be served off a shared driveway, which due to its close proximity to existing housing, width and lack of dedicated footways would present access difficulties, lead to pedestrian and vehicular conflict, result in a loss of amenity and would not provide a safe means of access by foot, thereby leading to danger and inconvenience to highway users contrary to the requirements of Policies S4 and HC19 of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (2017).

Voting

7 For 2 Against 2 Abstentions

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

335/22 - APPEALS PROGRESS REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the report be noted.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 7.56 pm

Chairman



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Council

Minutes of a Council meeting held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 16th March, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Sue Bull - In the Chair

Councillors: Andrew Shirley, Jacqueline Allison, Matt Buckler, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, Neil Buttle, David Chapman, Tom Donnelly, Graham Elliott, Richard FitzHerbert, Steve Flitter, Chris Furness, Clare Gamble, Dawn Greatorex, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, David Hughes, Stuart Lees, Tony Morley, Peter O'Brien, Mike Ratcliffe, Peter Slack, Colin Swindell, Steve Wain and Mark Wakeman

Paul Wilson (Chief Executive), Tim Braund (Director of Regulatory Services), Steve Capes (Director of Regeneration & Policy), James McLaughlin (Director of Corporate and Customer Services (Monitoring Officer)), Ashley Watts (Director of Community and Environmental Services), Kerry France (Legal Services Manager), Samantha Grisman (Clean & Green Manager), Dave Turvey (Events Manager) and Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader)

Note:

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Robert Archer, Jason Atkin, Richard Bright, Paul Cruise, Helen Froggatt, Michele Morley, Dermot Murphy, Janet Rose, Mark Salt, Andrew Statham and Alasdair Sutton.

336/22 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

STATEMENT and QUESTION from Mr Peter Rastall, Derbyshire Dales Resident

"I am disappointed to hear that two years after agreeing to stop using glyphosate, the council are proposing to reintroduce its use. Why on earth would this be the case, when the World Health Organisation says it is very likely to be highly carcinogenic, and linked to lymphoma?

As I'm sure you well know, the simplest way to reduce risk and protect both your workers and public is to simply not use this. Surely an alternative (which presumably has been in use for two years now) is the better option?"

RESPONSE:

We appreciate the concerns around the use of glyphosate and we are trying to balance this against this other factor such as, complaints and service requests received and the resources available to provide hand removal. Therefore, we are proposing to reintroduce its use in a significantly reduced and limited manner. The use will solely be considered for closed churchyards and access roads to cemeteries and leisure centres. All other areas will continue to be managed with a weed ripper and hand weeding. This was decided in 2020 following a review of possible alternatives.

Please note the point in the report that we will continue to work towards finding a suitable replacement for glyphosate.

STATEMENT and QUESTION from Ms Hillary Hart, Derbyshire Dales Resident

"The scientific proof of the damage that Glyphosate does to biodiversity, the environment and its contribution to global warming is irrefutable. Would the Council please explain to me and the voting electorate what possible justification there is for reintroducing its further use in the Derbyshire Dales?"

RESPONSE:

We appreciate the concerns around the use of glyphosate and we are trying to balance this against this other factor such as, complaints and service requests received and the resources available to provide hand removal. Therefore, we are proposing to reintroduce its use in a significantly reduced and limited manner. The use will solely be considered for closed churchyards and access roads to cemeteries and leisure centres. All other areas will continue to be managed with a weed ripper and hand weeding. This was decided in 2020 following a review of possible alternatives.

Please note the point in the report that we will continue to work towards finding a suitable replacement for glyphosate.

STATEMENT and QUESTION from Mr Bill Sellicks, Cressbrook Local Resident

"My wife and I never expected to be second home owners. My dockworker father-in-law received compensation for a life-changing industrial accident in 1977, which he used to buy a modest property in Hitchin, Hertfordshire. He died before he could enjoy it. After my mother-in-law died, the sale of that house provided the deposit to buy our one-bedroom flat in Cressbrook Mill in 2006. We were only just able to afford it with a mortgage for 50% of the cost. The flat was never intended as an investment – apart from ourselves, we offer it free of charge to family and friends, occupying the flat for well-over the 70 days stipulated in the legislation. It is not rented-out as a holiday property. We love walking in the area, contribute

to the local economy, employ local tradespeople and get involved in local campaigns and organisations. We pay our Council tax in full. We are not, in the words of Michael Gove, '... people in privileged positions (who) abuse the system by unfairly claiming tax relief and leaving local people counting the cost.'¹

According to DDDC's Local Plan², settlements like Cressbrook are classed as rural areas, ranked below the 5th tier in the development hierarchy. They are '... those villages ... where nearly all services and facilities must be accessed in higher order settlements (and) are, for the purposes of this plan, considered as 'countryside'. In these locations, development will be strictly limited to that which has an essential need to be located in the countryside.' The only facility Cressbrook has is a community-run pub. Most residents need a reliable car to access shops, schools, doctors' surgeries and employment opportunities. The Local Plan rules out most development in places like Cressbrook because it is unsustainable. If owners such as ourselves were to sell, how would a small flat in what is mainly a holiday complex suddenly become sustainable for a local person?

The most recent DDDC Housing Needs Surveys³ that we can find for Tideswell, Litton and Bakewell all identify a need for 2 and 3 bedroomed houses and some 2 bedroom bungalows for affordable rent. Only in Bakewell is there a need for 'some flats for younger single people'. Whilst some of the larger 3 bedroom flats at Cressbrook Mill are permanently occupied, nobody lives permanently in The Bobbin Mill where our flat is situated. There is a significant service charge to cover the managing agent, grounds and common area maintenance and a continuing programme of repairs to the buildings (one is over 200 years old). We have, at times, had to carry shopping and even furniture up the stairs when the lift has been out of commission. The flat has little storage space. Heating is by electric storage heaters, which are not economical under current circumstances. There is no mobile signal. It is classed as band C for council tax purposes. Total costs, excluding utilities and mortgage for 2022 were £3360. Even if owners such as ourselves were to sell, in what sense would our flat be 'affordable' or practical for young people in Bakewell? How could it be made to work?

From the survey, it is clear that doubling council tax for owners such as ourselves is locally popular. We do not blame residents for that, but a few of the responses worryingly border on the vindictive, with one urging tripling or even quadrupling the tax. Such responses suggest that second home owners are being stereotyped as wealthy, privileged and unprincipled; easy targets in hard times. A vote in support of the measure will satisfy the electorate in the short term. Nevertheless, we hope that Councillors will look beyond that, and consider exactly how to achieve their aim of providing affordable accommodation in a way that is fair, effective and does not have unintended consequences. One such consequence could be that unsuitable accommodation such as ours is released onto the market for no useful purpose. We find it difficult to see what the outcome would be – would places like Cressbrook Mill be blighted – we have no idea. The Report of the Director of Resources and Director of Housing implies that a discount could be considered in certain circumstances, but does not suggest that such a discount might be available to those whose properties are unsuitable. We suggest that be considered to avoid such an undesirable outcome.

1. Press release; 'Gove closes tax loophole on second homes' <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gove-closes-tax-loophole-on-second-homes</u> 2. Derbyshire Dales District Council Local Plan <u>https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plan/local-plan/localplan-information-and-adoption</u>

3. Derbyshire Dales Housing needs surveys

https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/housing/housing-strategy-and-enabling/development-inthe-peak-park/housing-needs-surveys"

RESPONSE:

Thank you for your feedback which will be taken into account as part of the overall evaluation of the consultation responses received where exemptions to this will reviewed, subject to Member approval being received this evening. A further report is planned to be submitted to Council in the summer.

However, to respond to the other specific question raised, the Council is not looking for all second homes to be brought back into "affordable" use, as most will be well out of reach of many looking to get on the housing ladder. If second homes become a first home then there is an increase in the number of homes for those who live and work in the district. If there is a re-sale to someone who takes a property as a holiday let then the intention behind this report is that it will bring in the additional tax to be used as set out in the report.

337/22 - INTERESTS

Councillor Matt Buckler declared a pecuniary interest in Item 12 – Public Sector Biodiversity Duty.

338/22 - CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Graham Elliott, Civic Chairman, made the following statement:

"On Wednesday 22nd Feb. I was invited to introduce the turner up on the second day of the Royal Ashbourne Shrovetide football match.

The turner up was a well-known Ashbourne man, Mr Mick Mee. Jen accompanied me and following a three course lunch at the leisure centre enjoyed by about 600 guests, we moved on to the Shawcroft Car Park to start the event. The turnout was estimated at well over 4000.

My thanks go to the Shrovetide committee members and in particular Councillor Sue Bull, her daughter Stacey and Councillor Stuart Lees who made sure we were where we were supposed to be at all times."

339/22 - COMMITTEES

It was moved by Councillor Andrew Shirley, Seconded by Councillor David Chapman and

RESOLVED

That the non-exempt minutes of the Committees listed in the Minute Book for the period 12th December 2022 to 16th February 2023 be received.

Voting

24 For 00 Against 01 Abstention The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

340/22 - QUESTIONS (RULE OF PROCEDURE 15)

Question from Councillor Peter O'Brien to Councillor Susan Hobson, Deputy Leader of the Council:

"Residents of the Derbyshire Dales have voted decisively by 51% to 38% against the proposal for an Elected Mayor (and Combined Authority) for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. In the light of this, do you agree that this Council should urgently reconsider its unconditional support for this additional layer of bureaucracy as part of the so-called "devolution deal"?"

Councillor Susan Hobson provided the following response:

Thanks for your question, Councillor O'Brien. You will recall from previous reports here and in briefings provided that the governance arrangements for the proposed Mayoral Combined County Authority are prescribed by central government. Consultation on the governance arrangements does not constitute a referendum, but I am sure that the Constituent Authorities will have due regard to the consultation outcomes. As far as this Council is concerned, we hope to benefit from the economic dividends promised through devolution and that promise is something that I am sure that all Members in this Chamber will want to be realised.

Questions from Councillor Clare Gamble to Councillor Susan Hobson, Deputy Leader of the Council:

"Q1. Cllr. Garry Purdy has reportedly resigned from the Conservative Party and the Conservative Group rather than face an internal investigation into his conduct over the agreement he and the Chief Executive, Paul Wilson, made with the Heights of Abraham. There can now be little doubt that Cllr. Purdy has accepted that his conduct has fallen below that expected of an elected representative and that he misled the council in answering my questions on 26th January 2023. The Chief Executive, Paul Wilson, made the same written guarantee to Heights of Abraham, which appears to have been subsequently denied by the council in press releases. In your opinion, does the Chief Executive, Paul Wilson, have any responsibility for the agreement signed with Heights of Abraham, and does he have any responsibility to ensure any press releases on the subject are both accurate and truthful?"

Councillor Susan Hobson provided the following response:

Thanks for your question, Councillor Gamble. To be absolutely clear, no agreement exists between this Council and the Heights of Abraham. The correspondence you refer to confirms the decision taken in October 2022 by officers on the recommendation of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group to designate land at Matlock Bath Station Yard Car Park as a temporary tolerated site for a specific homeless Traveller family. A decision that this Council confirmed by way of resolution on the 24th of November. The Chief Executive has acted entirely within the remit of the Head of Paid Service and enjoys not only my full confidence, but that of all other political group leaders on this Council, as confirmed in a public statement issued yesterday.

"Q2. As the new leader of the council, in the local press, you have publicly welcomed a "robust and through investigation", by the Conservative Party, into Cllr. Purdy's role in the agreement made with Heights of Abraham, to move a homeless family off a council car park so the Heights of Abraham could use it for coach parking. Will you, as Leader of the Council, now commit to an investigation of the council's role in this sorry affair, with a remit to investigate and identify who in the council knew about the written guarantees being made to Heights of Abraham, who determined the date of 31.01.23, why in emails to the Chairman and political leaders to obtain approval for the urgent decision, was this date credited to the working group, when they had determined 28.02.23 as the end date, who asked for the guarantees to be sent and to whom, who wrote and signed off on press releases sent out by the council, and what steps were taken to ensure they were both accurate and truthful?"

Councillor Susan Hobson provided the following response:

Thanks for your question, Councillor Gamble. You will have seen the joint statement of the political group leaders of the Council who have reviewed correspondence in relation to this matter and publicly reiterated their confidence in and support for the Chief Executive. All correspondence in relation to this matter will be published on the Council's website tomorrow for anyone to review, along with links to the already published decisions, reports and minutes. As Members we should promote openness and transparency and all political group leaders were unified in calling for the publication of these documents. The ultimate exercise in accountability will take place on 4 May with voters choosing their new district council representatives and they will be able to do so in possession of all factual information.

"Q3. The previous leader of the council, Cllr. Purdy, sought to cover up emails sent by himself and Paul Wilson, playing with semantics to try and claim that an agreement is not an agreement. The Heights of Abraham were so reassured by what was written to them they had the "confidence" to instigate a marketing campaign. Clearly an agreement was made. Cllr. Purdy as well as attempting a cover up, has tried to damage a young journalist's career in his response to the article breaking news of the agreement. He has threatened me personally with legal action when I attempted to ask him questions. This is no one-off occasion of such behaviour by Cllr. Purdy. Over 4 years Cllr. Purdy has, both in council meetings and in the press, made insulting/slanderous comments about fellow councillors, made remarks, which I found offensively racist, called travellers a "species". He has never appeared to understand that in his role of leader he represented the whole of the council, not just the Conservative Party. How do you intend to deal with this toxic legacy, and specifically, how are you going to deal with the fact that the Heights of Abraham will regard this authority as having breached the agreement made to ensure the travellers vacate the car park by 31.01.23. A deadline that has already passed?"

Councillor Susan Hobson provided the following response:

Thanks for your question, Councillor Gamble. As Deputy Leader of the Council I believe that Derbyshire Dales District Council should operate with integrity in an open and transparent way, and welcome the scrutiny of other Members and members of the public. I would like to commit to working with my fellow Group Leaders in a consensual way to ensure that any Council business is transacted fairly and openly up until the election of the new Council in May 2023. With regard to the location of the specific Traveller family, a report from the Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group will be considered by the Community and Environment Committee next week. This report is submitted to provide a position statement at the end of this term of the Council and demonstrates this authority's ongoing commitment to transparency and openness. As ever, it will be a matter for this full Council to determine what future steps are taken.

341/22 - SECOND HOMES COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM

18:40 – Councillor David Hughes entered the meeting during discussion of this Item.

The Chief Executive introduced a report which sought Member approval to adopt a 100% premium for council tax relating to 2nd homes with effect from 1st April 2024.

The report detailed how the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill would be expected to receive Royal Assent in 2023 and this Bill would provide powers councils to double the Council Tax payable on 2nd homes. Nationally, rural councils had been campaigning for this power for many years, reflecting the impact of 2nd homes in national parks, other rural areas and coastal authorities. The report also informed Members of the work being done by the Welsh devolved government to implement a higher premium of up to 300%.

The report detailed the progress of the ongoing consultation process and the results of the consultation up to the date of the publication of the report. The report also sought Member approval to undertake work to amend the policy concerning long term empty homes to reflect a handful of cases causing difficulty to owners of empty homes currently improving their property.

The recommendations as set out in the report were moved by Councillor Susan Hobson and seconded by Councillor Steve Flitter.

During debate, an amendment to include the following additional recommendation was moved by Councillor Peter O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Sue Burfoot:

"That in principle, the income generated through the council tax premium be ring fenced for the provision and development of affordable housing and that further consideration is given, by this Council, as to how and where it is utilised."

The amendment was then put to the vote as follows:

11 For 12 Against 02 Abstention

The Chairman declared the amendment LOST.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED

- That, subject to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill becoming an Act of Parliament and the consideration of any additional representations received up to the close of consultation on 22nd March at a future Council meeting, the adoption of a 100% premium for Council Tax relating to second homes with effect from 1st April 2024, be approved.
- That, subject to the adoption of the policy position in recommendation 1 above, authority be delegated to the Director of Housing and the Director of Resources to implement the adoption of a 100% premium for Council Tax relating to second homes with effect from 1st April 2024.

- 3. That further work takes place to consider the introduction of discretionary discounts to the 100% second homes premium, with a report to follow in July 2023.
- 4. That, subject to the adoption of the second homes premium policy position, negotiations take place with Derbyshire County Council concerning the use of the additional income generated.
- 5. That further work continues to develop discretionary discounts concerning empty homes where owners are undertaking works to bring properties back in to use.

Voting:

- 22 For
- 01 Against
- 02 Abstained

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

342/22 - CLEAN AND GREEN REVIEW

The Director of Community and Environmental Services introduced a report outlining the work to date on the review of the Council's Clean and Green service. This included the review of the service by the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) and the involvement of staff, management and unions in that review.

It was noted in the introduction of the report that there had been several requests to defer consideration to the July meeting, for the new Council to consider. However, with approval of the Political Group Leaders, it had been agreed that the time sensitive recommendations should be put forward to this meeting, these were recommendations 1, 3 and 6 as set out in the report. It was proposed that all other recommendations be deferred to the next meeting of Council in July.

It was noted that on 26th November 2020 the Council approved a review of the Clean and Green service, including the outlined scope and formation of Project Team and an Elected Member Sub-Group. In addition to this, the Council approved the use of external consultants to bring wider industry knowledge to the review and help with benchmarking the performance of the service.

It was moved by Councillor Chris Furness, Seconded by Councillor Stuart Lees and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

- 1. That a supplementary revenue budget of £15,053 be approved for 2023/24, financed from the general reserve, and that the Medium Term Financial Plan be updated to reflect the subsequent ongoing costs to increase the staff revenue budget in respect of the proposed change in the management structure, allowing for the creation of an Operations Manager role and increasing the number of Team Leaders from two to four.
- 3. That the new structure of the service, as set out in Appendix A and initiation of formal discussions with staff be approved, in line with the Council's Change Management Policy.

6. That it be agreed to increase the level of biodiversity across the district by signing up to Derbyshire County Council's '*Pathfinders*' pilot scheme.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

343/22 - CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN THE 2023/24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Director of Corporate and Customer Services introduced a report submitting the proposed Calendar of Meetings for Council and Committee Meetings in the 2023/24 municipal year.

Members were informed that the procedure rules within the Council's constitution required that the calendar of meetings be approved annually by the Council. It was noted that it was good practice to set meeting dates in advance for the

forthcoming year. This approach would enable the Council to have robust governance arrangements in place to facilitate informed decision-making.

It was moved by Councillor Susan Hobson, seconded by Councillor Colin Swindell and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the Calendar of Meetings for the 2023/24 municipal year be approved.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

344/22 - DECARBONISATION OF THE ARC LEISURE CENTRE (MATLOCK) AND WIRKSWORTH LEISURE CENTRE

The Director of Corporate and Customer Services introduced a report which sought to gain agreement for the acceptance of a grant offer from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) phase 3b of £1.9m in order to decarbonise the Arc Matlock and Wirksworth Leisure Centre.

Members were informed that the PSDS provided grants for public sector bodies to fund heat decarbonisation and energy efficiency measures, putting the public sector at the forefront of decarbonising buildings in the UK and in a leadership role to create exemplar projects in their communities that pave the way to help the UK meet its Carbon Budgets and Net Zero commitments. Most of the buildings in the public sector still rely on fossil fuel-based heating and, as these heating system approach the end of their working lives, it was an ideal opportunity to transition those systems to low carbon heating.

It was moved by Councillor Tom Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

- 1. That the recommendation of the Governance and Resources Committee of 8th March 2023 to accept the grant offer, as set out in this report, be approved.
- 2. That the recommendation of the Governance and Resources Committee of 8th March 2023 be approved for the addition of £2,189,500 to the Capital Programme for 2024/25

for 'PSDS3b Decarbonisation at Arc Leisure Centre Matlock and Wirksworth Leisure Centre', to be financed by a grant of \pounds 1,925,000 and a 'like for like' contribution of \pounds 264,000, the latter being financed from the capital receipts reserve.

3. That authority be delegated to the Director of Community and Environmental Services, the Director of Resources and the Chief Executive to utilise Leisure Centre support funding, should it become available.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

345/22 - DURATION OF MEETING (MOTION TO CONTINUE)

At **20:27**, it was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Colin Swindell and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

That in accordance with Rule of Procedure 13, the meeting continue to enable the business on the agenda to be concluded.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

346/22 - PUBLIC SECTOR BIODIVERSITY DUTY

20:15 - Councillor Matt Buckler left the meeting due to previously declaring an interest in this Item.

The Director of Regeneration and Policy introduced a report advising Members about the Public Sector Biodiversity Duty, and setting out activities which the District Council has, and was currently undertaking that contributed to meeting the new requirement. It was recommended that a plan be prepared which set out further actions the Council should undertake to meet the requirements of the newly enhanced biodiversity duty, and in particular those relating to Biodiversity Net Gain.

It was noted that the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, (NERC Act 2006) which came into force on 30th March 2006 introduced in Section 40 a duty on public authorities to conserve biodiversity defined as in relation to a living organism or type of habitat, restoring or enhancing a population or habitat.

Following the introduction of this duty the County Council's Biodiversity Officer undertook an audit of the District Council's services in relation to this duty, which was completed in December 2008. It was concluded that "Derbyshire Dales District Council takes biodiversity into consideration within the majority of its services". A copy of the audit was attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

It was noted that since then, the District Council had:

- Continued to operate its Ranger Service, whose function is to manage High Tor, Pic Tor and Lovers' Walk for the purpose of preserving and where appropriate enhancing these sites as designated LNR.
- Continued to operate an SLA with the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust which provides advice on planning applications and works with landowners of sites on the LWS register to

improve biodiversity. The Trust also reviews sites to determine the extent to which sites are appropriate for inclusion on the LWS Register. We are likely to enhance the SLA to cover additional Biodiversity Net Gain duties from this year (see below).

- Updated and adopted the Local Plan in 2017 with a suite of new policies including a set covering Biodiversity.
- Instigated the Biodiversity Verge project.
- Continued to have the Clean and Green Team manage District Council-owned sites on behalf of the District Council.

It was moved by Councillor Stuart Lees, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

- 1. That the additional requirements in relation to the new Biodiversity Duty, as set out in section 3 of the report, be noted.
- 2. That past and current activities in relation to biodiversity, as set out in sections 1 and 2 of the report, be noted.
- 3. That the initial assessment of biodiversity activity set out in the appendix be noted.
- 4. That a further update be presented to Members by no later than 30th November 2023 that sets out what further actions have been and will be implemented in respect of the Biodiversity Duty.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 8.56 pm

Chairman

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Community & Environment Committee

Minutes of a Community & Environment Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 23rd March, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Helen Froggatt - In the Chair

Councillors: Chris Furness, Sue Bull, Tony Morley, Dermot Murphy, Janet Rose, Andrew Statham, Susan Hobson, Martin Burfoot, David Hughes, Steve Wain, Matt Buckler, Neil Buttle, Mike Ratcliffe and Peter O'Brien

Present as substitute – Councillor(s): Richard FitzHerbert

Tim Braund (Director of Regulatory Services), Robert Cogings (Director of Housing), James McLaughlin (Director of Corporate and Customer Services (Monitoring Officer)), Simon Beynon (Housing Strategy Officer) and Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Alasdair Sutton

347/22 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Dermot Murphy, Seconded by Councillor Sue Bull and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 09 February 2023 be approved as a correct record.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

348/22 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mr Peter Dobbs (Local Resident) made comments regarding the Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area Action Plan, Ms Clare Gamble (Local Resident) and Mr John Youatt (Planning Agent for the owners of the Woodyard) made comments on the update report of the Gypsy and Traveller site provision working group.

349/22 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

350/22 - QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE OF PROCEDURE NUMBER 15

No questions were received.

351/22 - SUPPORTED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

The Housing Strategy Officer introduced a report informing members that the District Council had been successful in a joint bid, with all Derbyshire District and Borough Councils and Staffordshire Moorlands Council, to take part in the Supported Housing Improvement Programme (SHIP). The report gave details of the Programme and set out the arrangements for delivery.

Supported housing aims to provide accommodation to those who struggle to obtain and maintain independent living. It was noted within the report that following the demise of the Supporting People Programme, the sector had become largely unregulated. Several new unregistered providers had set up schemes for which the Council were liable for a proportion of the rent paid by housing benefit. The cost of this across Derbyshire and Staffordshire Moorlands was £1.5m per year.

Following the successful SHIP Round 2 bid, Derbyshire and Staffordshire Moorlands Councils had been awarded a grant of £687,230 over the programme period. The Programme would be a DLUHC funded pilot which would run from December 2022 to March 2025. Members were informed that the aim of the pilot would be to implement a number of interventions that would improve the quality of support, the standard of accommodation and increase the oversight and value for money. It was noted that the planned interventions had been tried and tested previously in other local authority areas during an earlier pilot.

It was moved by Councillor David Hughes, seconded by Councillor Steve Wain and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- 1. That the District Council's successful partnership bid to the Supported Housing Improvement Programme be noted.
- 2. That the expenditure of the Supported Housing Improvement Programme grant be approved.

3. That a future report detailing the delivery of the Supported Housing Improvement Programme be presented to Members.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

352/22 - FEES AND CHARGES - LOCAL LAND CHARGES AND LEGAL SERVICES

The Director of Corporate and Customer Services introduced a report highlighting the need to review the recently agreed Fees and Charges in respect of Local Land Charges in view of Derbyshire County Council's decision to increase fees for CON29 searches. The report also sought to confirm a fee that was not included in the report to the Governance and Resources Committee on 16 February 2023.

The Local Land Charges service provides searches and information to the conveyancing and property industry. These searches and information consist of:

- LLC1 Search of the Local Land Charges Register
- CON29 Enquiries of District Councils
- Personal Searches of the Local Land Charges register for which a fee cannot be charged
- Property information under the 2008 Regulations
- The inspection of property information under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

The report informed Members of the percentage increase to charges that the County Council would levy in 2023/24. Also included in the report was the County Council's formal response to representations received from Officers at District and Borough Authorities across Derbyshire, which set out the position of the County Council and reasoning for the increased charges.

It was moved by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert, seconded by Councillor Susan Hobson and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. That the fees for the Local Land Charges Service in the 2023/24 financial year be confirmed as:

(a) Official Search Fee (LLC1 + Con29R) £179.20
(b) LLC1 £32.00
(c) Con29R £148.20
(d) Con 29O £32.40
(per question and where information is to be provided by Derbyshire County Council)
(e) Con 29O (per question) £13.20
(f) Additional Parcel of Land £13.80
(g) Written enquiries
(solicitors own questions) £15.00
(h) Personal Search of the Register £0.00
(all inclusive of VAT)

2. That the fee for the sale of Council Land, sale of Land by Tender and sale of Land by Action levied by Legal Services in the 2023/24 financial year be confirmed as a maximum of 1.5% of the sale price (subject to minimum of £507.47).

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

353/22 - UPDATE REPORT OF THE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITE PROVISION WORKING GROUP

Councillor Susan Hobson, Chair of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group, introduced a report which updated Members, affected stakeholders and the wider public on the current position of the Council's search for appropriate temporary sites for those specific Gypsy and Traveller families to whom the District Council have a statutory homelessness duty.

The update had been prepared by the cross party, Member-led working group to make recommendations to the Council proposing the designation of locations in the District as being suitable for temporary occupation by the specific Gypsy and Traveller families.

Councillor David Hughes moved the recommendations as set out in the report, with the additional proposal as set out below, this was seconded by Councillor Martin Burfoot:

"That a further assessment of the viability of the District Council's Depot in Ashbourne be carried out to determine whether it could be established as a temporary or permanent Traveller site."

During debate, an amendment was moved by Councillor Sue Bull and seconded by Councillor Susan Hobson to remove the additional proposal, regarding the Ashbourne Depot site, from the substantive motion. This amendment was then put to a recorded vote as requested by Councillor Steve Wain and seconded by Councillor Peter O'Brien, this is detailed below:

- **For: 8 Councillors:** Sue Bull, Richard FitzHerbert, Helen Froggatt, Chris Furness, Susan Hobson, Tony Morley, Dermot Murphy and Janet Rose.
- **Against:** 8 Councillors: Matt Buckler, Martin Burfoot, Neil Buttle, David Hughes, Peter O'Brien, Mike Ratcliffe, Andrew Statham and Steve Wain.

Abstention: 0 Councillors

The Chairman used their casting vote **FOR** the amendment and declared the amendment **CARRIED**.

The amended substantive motion was then put to a recorded vote and

RESOLVED

1. That further work be undertaken to provide a full appraisal of the privately owned site to assess its viability for the potential delivery of a temporary site in order for the Council to make an informed decision, having regard for all relevant information.

2. That officers be recommended to make an agreement with Total Parking Solutions in respect of the provision of coach parking at Cromford Meadows as an alternative location for coaches to park during the use of the Matlock Bath Station Car Park.

As requested by Councillor Peter O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Martin Burfoot, the recorded vote is detailed below:

- **For: 15 Councillors:** Matt Buckler, Sue Bull, Martin Burfoot, Neil Buttle, Richard FitzHerbert, Helen Froggatt, Chris Furness, Susan Hobson, David Hughes, Tony Morley, Dermot Murphy, Mike Ratcliffe, Janet Rose, Andrew Statham and Steve Wain.
- Against: 0 Councillors

Abstention: 1 Councillor: Peter O'Brien.

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

Meeting Closed: 7.55 pm

Chairman

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Planning Committee

Minutes of a Planning Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 11th April, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Jason Atkin - In the Chair

Councillors: Jacqueline Allison, Sue Burfoot, Tom Donnelly, Richard FitzHerbert, Helen Froggatt, Peter O'Brien, Janet Rose and Peter Slack

Present as Substitute - Councillors: Paul Cruise and Mark Wakeman

Kerry France (Legal Services Manager), Chris Whitmore (Development Control Manager), Adam Maxwell (Principal Planning Officer), Sarah Arbon (Senior Planning Officer), Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader) and Angela Gratton (Democratic Services Officer)

Members of the Public – 23

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Robert Archer, Neil Buttle, Graham Elliott, David Hughes and Stuart Lees

354/22 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

355/22 - INTERESTS

Councillor Richard FitzHerbert declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 5.3. Application No. 22/01010/FUL – Erection of 2 no. holiday let accommodation units and erection 1 no. holiday pod at Woodside, Chesterfield Road, Rowsley.

356/22 - APPLICATION NO. 22/00641/REM

The Development Manager gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Ms Helen Bareford (Applicant) spoke in support of the application. Mr Grant Anderson (Hill Dickinson Planning Agent) spoke against the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of a correction to reason for refusal no. 4, comments received from DWH on behalf of Bamford Property Ltd and JCB (these representations apply both to this item and item 5.2 – Application No. 22/00642/FUL Erection of 101 no dwellinghouses with associated access, infrastructure and landscaping at Land between Ashbourne Airfield and Derby Road, Yeldersley.), and further representations received in respect of the amended plans by Matlock Town Council and local residents and additional correspondence received from the applicant to address the various reasons for refusal.

It was moved by Councillor Peter O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That planning permission be refused for the reasons set out in in section 8.0 of the report.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

357/22 - APPLICATION NO. 22/00642/FUL

The Development Manager gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Ms Helen Bareford (Applicant) spoke in support of the application. Mr Grant Anderson (Hill Dickenson Planning Agent) spoke against the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of a correction to reason for refusal no. 5, representations from the adjacent landowners, a local resident and Ashbourne Town Council in respect of the amended plans and additional correspondence received from the applicant.

It was moved by Councillor Tom Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That planning permission be refused for the reasons set out in in section 8.0 of the report.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

358/22 - APPLICATION NO. 22/01010/FUL

6:45 pm - Councillor Richard FitzHerbert left the meeting for consideration of this item due to declaring an interest.

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Councillor Janet Rose moved to approve the application, this was then seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and put to the vote as follows.

Voting

4 For 5 Against 1 Abstentions

The Chairman declared the motion LOST.

It was then moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Peter O'Brien and

RESOLVED

That planning permission be refused for the reasons set out in in section 8.0 of the report.

Voting

5 For 4 Against 1 Abstentions

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED

359/22 - APPLICATION NO. 22/01190/FUL

6.56 pm Councillor Richard FitzHerbert re-joined the meeting.

The Senior Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mr Sam Jones (Applicant) and Cllr Vicki Raynes (Tansley Parish Council) spoke in support of the application. Mr Mick Purshouse (Local Resident) and Mr Andrew Bostock (Local Resident) spoke against the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of comments received from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, The Highway Authority, James Neville, Cllr Steve Flitter and a local resident, as well as an amendment to the Landscape plan and further comments from the applicant.

It was moved by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED

That authority be delegated to the Development Manager or Principal Planning Officer to grant planning permission, subject to conditions set out in the report, a response from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and upon completion of a S106 legal agreement to secure:

- 25% First Homes (4 dwellings) to be delivered on site
- 15% Shared Ownership (2 dwellings) to be delivered on site
- 60% Social Rented Homes (8 dwellings) to be delivered off-site. This will be secured through a financial contribution to the Council of £365,168.
- Education Contribution of £336,396.84 towards the provision of 12 secondary with post 16 places at Highfields School and additional education facilities.
- An off-site contribution for allotments of £2,777.70.

Voting

8 For 3 Against 0 Abstentions

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

7.25 pm – Meeting adjourned for a 15 minute break. **7.38 pm** – Meeting reconvened.

360/22 - APPLICATION NO. 22/01316/FUL

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mr Viv Russell (Agent) spoke in support of the application. Mr Peter Harrington (Local Resident) and Mr Nick Sibley commented on the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of comments received from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, an additional planning condition, an amendment to condition 5 and correspondence from the agent.

It was moved by Councillor Helen Froggatt, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That authority be delegated to the Development Manager or Principal Planning Officer to grant planning permission, subject to prior entry into planning obligation to secure funding for monitoring of travel plan and subject to the conditions set out in section 8.0 of the report and an additional condition regarding the requirement for submission and approval of a scheme of foul water connection to the main sewer, prior to works commencing on the super structure of the proposed development.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

361/22 - APPLICATION NO. 22/01381/FUL

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

It was moved by Councillor Tom Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert and

RESOLVED

That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions set out in the report.

Voting

8 For 0 Against 3 Abstentions

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

362/22 - APPLICATION NO. 23/00025/FUL

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of further correspondence from the agent in response to comments of the Parish Council

It was moved by Councillor Tom Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That planning permission be refused for the reasons set out in section 8 of the report.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

363/22 - APPEALS PROGRESS REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Richard FitzHerbert, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 8.35 pm

Chairman



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Council

Minutes of a Council meeting held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 25th May, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillors: Robert Archer, Anthony Bates, Geoff Bond, Kelda Boothroyd, Matt Buckler, Martin Burfoot, Sue Burfoot, David Burton, Neil Buttle, David Chapman, Peter Dobbs, Steve Flitter, Marilyn Franks, Gareth Gee, Dawn Greatorex, Susan Hobson, David Hughes, Stuart Lees, Joanne Linthwaite, Laura Mellstrom, Tony Morley, Dermot Murphy, Andy Nash, Peter O'Brien, Lucy Peacock, Roger Shelley, Peter Slack, Mark Wakeman, Nick Whitehead and Nick Wilton

James McLaughlin (Director of Corporate and Customer Services (Monitoring Officer)), Tim Braund (Director of Regulatory Services), Steve Capes (Director of Regeneration & Policy), Robert Cogings (Director of Housing), Karen Henriksen (Director of Resources), Ashley Watts (Director of Community and Environmental Services), Kerry France (Legal Services Manager), Jason Spencer (Electoral and Democratic Services Manager) and Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): John Bointon, Nigel Norman Edwards-Walker and Simon Ripton.

1/23 - ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE 2023/2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was moved by Councillor David Hughes, Seconded by Councillor Joanne Linthwaite and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Steve Wain be elected Chair of the Council for the 2023/2024 municipal year and that the position henceforth be designated as Chair of the Council within Article 5 of the Council's Constitution, with the post's deputy position designated as Vice-Chair of the Council.

Voting

30 For 00 Against 01 Abstained

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

2/23 - APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2023/2024

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, Seconded by Councillor Steve Flitter and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Dawn Greatorex be elected Vice-Chair of the Council for the year 2023/2024.

Voting

30 For 00 Against 01 Abstained

The Chair declared the motion CARRIED.

3/23 - ELECTION OF CIVIC CHAIR 2023/24

It was moved by Councillor Roger Shelley, Seconded by Councillor Marilyn Franks and

RESOLVED

That Councillor David Burton be elected Civic Chair of the Council of the Derbyshire Dales for the 2023/2024 civic year and that the position henceforth be designated as Civic Chair of the Derbyshire Dales within Article 5 of the Council's Constitution, with the post's deputy position designated as Deputy Civic Chair of the Derbyshire Dales.

Voting

30 For 00 Against 01 Abstained

The Chair declared the motion CARRIED.

The duly elected Civic Chair was invested with the Chain of Office and expressed his thanks to the retiring Civic Chair and Members for their vote of confidence.

4/23 - APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY CIVIC CHAIRMAN 2023/2024

It was moved by Councillor Nick Whitehead, Seconded by Councillor Neil Buttle and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Peter Slack be elected Deputy Civic Chair of the Derbyshire Dales for the 2023/2024 civic year.

Voting

30 For 00 Against 01 Abstained

The Chair declared the motion CARRIED.

The duly elected Deputy Civic Chair was invested with the Chain of Office and thanked Members for their vote of confidence.

5/23 - ELECTION OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER - 2023-24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was moved by Councillor David Burton, Seconded by Councillor Peter Dobbs and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Steve Flitter be elected Leader of the Council for the 2023/2024 municipal year.

Voting

30 For 00 Against 01 Abstained

The Chair declared the motion CARRIED.

It was moved by Councillor David Hughes, Seconded by Councillor Steve Flitter and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Peter Slack and Councillor Neil Buttle be elected Deputy Leaders of the Council for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Voting

28 For 01 Against 02 Abstained

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

6/23 - LEADERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Steve Flitter, Leader of the Council, gave the following announcements:

Four years ago, I sat and listened to a Leader's speech that angered so many members of this Council as it began with the promise to see the local plan to its conclusion. Showing little regard for our residents and many points began with (I) well there is no I in team and that's what we must become if we are to succeed and meet the challenges ahead.

We will have a new approach to the local plan with the emphasis on protecting the environment and creating sustainable communities through energy efficient housing that meets local needs, built in the right locations and making sure that proper infrastructure supports new and existing development. This is why we propose that the local plan working party become a sub-committee with a Chair to ensure that recommendations are Member led and, in planning itself, we shall insist on tougher enforcement to meet stated conditions and all changes to original approved plans.

We will re-examine the housing strategy with the aim of enabling everyone throughout the district to be able to live and prosper in their own community and with a housing stock fit for the purpose to meet the challenges of climate change, prioritising affordability, social housing and ensuring all homes are insulated to the highest standard, carbon neutral and cost effective to run.

We will re-invigorate climate change and biodiversity strategies working with businesses, farmers and the community to reduce carbon emissions and enhance the biodiversity of our varied landscape. We aim to tackle pollution by promoting biodiversity and zero carbon technology supporting greenways, rewilding, creating community orchards, allotments and reducing the use of pesticides and herbicides.

We will ensure an open, inclusive and transparent way of working supported by an energised council management and workforce listening and working together to create a fairer and more caring district by supporting residents, community groups and businesses making sure this council delivers the services they need and rely on. Our aim is to open discussion on a regular basis with the Council's Corporate Leadership Team, develop further the Leader's Advisory Group and provide more Member briefings on important and relevant issues.

Public Toilets

After many complaints over the last administration's closure of toilet provision in our tourist hotspots we will re-examine the closed sites, re-evaluate possibilities seeking a way forward to providing the services our visitors expect. We realise that some buildings may no longer be suitable, but we must consider the possibilities of temporary provision in peak season.

Inward investment and partnerships

Economic development is very important for the Dales as it creates an opportunity to provide jobs and financial stability for our residents and also builds confidence in existing businesses in retail, manufacturing, service industries and also can be a lifeline for small businesses. So, inward investment and not just grants that are reliant on match funding but we need a partnership approach with other authorities and agencies to successfully attract those opportunities and we will support our officers to build on recent successes to move forward and reflect our growing workforce and their needs.

Travellers Sites

We want to take the politics out of this very highly sensitive issue. For decades this council has struggled to find a solution. Not forgetting the last attempt by creating a working group led by Councillor Hobson, where her goodwill tried to steer that group impartially but I'm afraid politics did eventually raise its head, we therefore propose to have one Member from each group, working with an officer to re-evaluate the opportunities with a wider scope of looking for a permanent site as well temporary sites that take account of the provision in the north, central and southern areas of our district.

Car Parking

We understand that our car parks are a vital part of our income, but we must look at how we can increase or make better use of them. It was the Liberal Democrats in the late nineties that introduced the residents parking scheme which still operates successfully today but many residential areas are still suffering as inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous parking takes place on a regular basis. We have to widen the scope of the present review looking into why some are free, alternative land use for underused areas, opportunities for expansion and the visitor pre-payment scheme.

Leisure Centres

Those who have been re-elected will know the difficulties that lie ahead. Rising costs and extra council financial support placed great strain on the viability of Freedom Leisure and put a massive strain on our resources. We are committed to ensure that residents can continue to enjoy these facilities and we will work hard alongside Freedom Leisure in securing a long term financial strategy that supports management and users.

Waste collection

Perhaps the one service that residents value most, but a very expensive one, which has been very problematic and a major concern for the council. The operatives you see on the street are very good but changes in management and communication have led to frustration for officers and Members. We will continue to honour our contract responsibilities but we must seek alternative arrangements to protect this Council and provide a vital service that meets resident expectations if the contract was to fail.

Our council

Our officers and staff throughout the council are our guide to staying on track both legally and financially whilst putting our priorities into action. If we are to move forward in a positive and progressive manner, we need a review of the structure of the council and the resources available. We will look at the capability to deliver services, match resources where we can or look for other opportunities. We respect all staff and will ensure equality, health and safety and associated policies are met and developed further to ensure they are working in a safe, welcoming and rewarding authority.

Outside the realm of Derbyshire Dales District Council

We unfortunately seem to have to lobby against decisions that lie outside our control – but lobby we will – on national issues affecting our residents and local issues especially support for our GPs, education, highways and congestion, and the current decision for the closure of tourist centres in the Peak District National Park.

To end, all of our residents are human beings, regardless of age, gender, ability or beliefs, what may seem to be small problems to the council can be a major concern to them.

We councillors are no different and should act and treat each other with respect as we expect others to treat us. There are three words to remember: Respect, Honesty, Dignity.

7/23 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: John Bointon, Nigel Edwards-Walker and Simon Ripton.

8/23 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Peter O'Brien, Seconded by Councillor Robert Archer and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16 March 2023 be approved as a correct record.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

9/23 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

10/23 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS - REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

Members received a report on the result of the municipal elections to the District Council held on 4 May 2023.

It was moved by Councillor David Hughes, Seconded by Councillor Geoff Bond and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the results of the municipal elections to the District Council held on 4 May 2023 be noted.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

11/23 - MEMBERSHIP OF POLITICAL GROUPS, POLITICAL BALANCE AND ENTITLEMENT TO SEATS ON COMMITTEES

The Council considered a report on the updated membership of political groups on the Council, the change to the political balance of the authority following the elections held on 4 May 2023 and the revised entitlement of political groups to seats on committees for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Following the recent Elections the political balance of the Council was:

Name of Group	Designated Leader	Number of Members
Conservative	Councillor Hobson	11
Green Party	Councillor Buttle	4
Labour and Councillor O'Brien	Councillor Slack	7
Liberal Democrat	Councillor Flitter	12

It was moved by Councillor Steve Flitter, seconded by Councillor David Chapman and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- 1. That the operation of four political groups on the Council and the detail of their designated Leaders be noted:
 - a) Conservative Group Councillor Susan Hobson
 - b) Green Party Group Councillor Neil Buttle
 - c) Labour and Councillor O'Brien Group Councillor Peter Slack
 - d) Liberal Democrat Group Councillor Steve Flitter
- 2. That special responsibility allowances be paid in accordance with the Members Allowances Scheme at Part 6 of the Constitution.
- 3. That approval be given to the establishment of:
 - a) Local Plan Sub-Committee of 10 Members under the auspices of the Community and Environment Committee
 - b) Biodiversity Sub-Committee of 6 Members under the auspices of the Community and Environment Committee
- 4. That the Council notes, and agrees, the entitlement of the membership of the political groups and that such entitlements have been reflected in the allocations to Committees.
- 5. That Council considers nominations and appoints Members to serve on the:
 - a) Joint ICT Committee Councillors David Hughes and Andy Nash
 - b) Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee Councillor Steve Flitter
 - c) D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity Councillor Steve Flitter
- 6. That Council appoints Members to serve on Working Groups for the following purposes:
 - a) Constitution Working Group (6 Members)
 - b) Climate Change Working Group (6 Members)
 - c) Member Development Working Group (1 Member from each group)
 - d) Traveller Site Working Group (1 Member from each group)
 - e) Gender Balance Working Group (1 Member drawn from each political group).

with nominations from Group Leaders to be given to the Proper Officer.

- 7. That the Independent Remuneration Panel be invited to consider the impact of appointments made which are not consistent with the existing Members Allowances Scheme and make recommendations back to the Council.
- 8. That the Calendar of Meetings for the 2023/24 Municipal Year be amended as follows:

Committee	Previous Date	New Date
Community and Environment	Wednesday 5 July 2023	Thursday 13 July 2023
Governance and Resources	Wednesday 19 July 2023	Thursday 20 July 2023

Community and	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7 September
Environment	September 2023	2023
Governance and	Wednesday 20	Thursday 14 September
Resources	September 2023	2023
Community and Environment	Wednesday 1 November 2023	Thursday 26 October 2023
Governance and	Wednesday 8	Thursday 2 November
Resources	November 2023	2023
Governance and Resources	Wednesday 20 March 2024	Thursday 21 March 2024

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

12/23 - SCHEDULE OF NOMINATIONS TO COMMITTEES

The Council considered the appointment of members to serve on committees for the 2023/24 municipal year in accordance with each political group's entitlement.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Neil Buttle and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That Councillors be appointed to serve on the Committees of the Council in accordance with the wishes of the political groups as set out in appendix 1 of these Minutes.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

13/23 - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE CHAIRS

The Council considered a report setting out the appointments to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair to the various decision making bodies for the 2023-24 municipal year.

It was moved by Councillor Steve Flitter, seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the following appointments be made to the positions of Committee Chair and Vice-Chair until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

Committee/Decision Making Body	Chair	Vice-Chair
Community & Environment	Martin Burfoot	Peter O'Brien
Governance & Resources	Nick Wilton	Neil Buttle
Scrutiny	David Hughes	Peter Slack
Planning	David Burton and Peter O'Brien	Sue Burfoot

Licensing & Appeals	Steve Wain	Dawn Greatorex
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The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

14/23 - APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR THE 2023/24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Council considered a report that reviewed its affiliations with outside bodies and invited nominations to act as the Council's representatives.

The Schedule attached at Appendix 2, gave the full list of outside bodies that required the Council's consideration. The Council was asked to consider its nominations and any changes it wished to make to those currently in place.

The list of approved conferences and recommended representation was tabled in paragraph 2.3 of the report, which was submitted to confer approved duty status to cover Member attendance.

Due to the number of nominations to the Peak District National Park Authority exceeding the number of available representative positions, it was recommended that this be determined separately to the nominations to other outside bodies.

It was moved by Councillor Neil Buttle, seconded by Councillor Nick Whitehead and

RESOLVED

- 1. That the list of outside bodies identified in Appendix 1 be approved..
- 2. That the position of organisations with no indemnity insurance currently exists be noted accordingly.
- 3. That the Members identified in the schedule tabled at the meeting, with the exception of the Peak District National Park Authority, be appointed to the relevant outside body to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.
- 4. That the list of Conferences for 2023/24 be approved.
- 5. That authority be delegated to the Director of Corporate and Customer Services in consultation with the Chief Executive and Directors, where relevant, to determine requests for attendance at other conferences based on the relevance of the subject matter and to the availability of finance.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

The nominations to the Peak District National Park Authority are set out below, along with the voting on the individual nominations.

Nomination	Nominated by	Seconded by	Voting
Councillor Matt	Councillor Neil Buttle	Councillor Andy	29 For
Buckler		Nash	00 Against
			02 Abstentions
Councillor David	Councillor Susan	Councillor Tony	09 For
Chapman	Hobson	Morley	00 Against
			22 Abstentions

Councillor Andy	Councillor Peter	Councillor Martin	22 For
Nash	O'Brien	Burfoot	00 Against
			09 Abstentions

It was therefore **RESOLVED**

That Councillor Matt Buckler and Councillor Andy Nash be appointed as the Council's representative Members on the Peak District National Park Authority.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

15/23 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr John Youatt, Planning Agent to the owners of the Woodyard at Homesford, spoke on the District Council's legal duty to provide accommodation for Gypsy and Traveller families residing in the District and encouraged the Council to quickly make appointments to the new working group proposed to make recommendations back to the Council.

Meeting Closed: 7.05 pm

Chair



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Community & Environment Committee

Minutes of a Community & Environment Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 8th June, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Martin Burfoot - In the Chair

Councillors: Robert Archer, Anthony Bates, Matt Buckler, Peter Dobbs, Marilyn Franks, Gareth Gee, Susan Hobson, Andy Nash, Peter O'Brien, Peter Slack and Steve Wain

Present as substitute – Councillor(s): Neil Buttle

James McLaughlin (Director of Corporate and Customer Services (Monitoring Officer)) and Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Kelda Boothroyd, David Chapman and Dermot Murphy

16/23 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

17/23 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

18/23 - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BIODIVERSITY SUB-COMMITTEE AND LOCAL PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE

The Director of Corporate and Customer Services introduced a report which sought Member approval to appoint those Members nominated to serve on the newly established subcommittees for Biodiversity and Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.

At the Annual Meeting on 25 May 2023 the Council agreed to establish two sub-committees under the remit of the Community and Environment Committee. In agreeing to establish these sub-committees, the Council agreed that the Biodiversity Sub-Committee would comprise of 6 Members and the Local Plan Sub-Committee would be made up of 10 Members, with seat entitlement on both reflecting the overall political make-up of the Council.

The following nominations had been received by the Proper Officer from political groups seeking to appoint to the Biodiversity Sub-Committee:

Councillors: Martin Burfoot, Roger Shelley, John Bointon, Stuart Lees, Peter Slack, Matt Buckler.

The following nominations had been received by the Proper Officer from political groups seeking to appoint to the Local Plan Sub-Committee:

Councillors: Rob Archer, Martin Burfoot, David Hughes, Roger Shelley, Nigel Edwards-Walker, Gareth Gee, Susan Hobson, Peter O'Brien, Lucy Peacock, Matt Buckler.

The recommendations as set out in the report were moved and seconded as detailed below:

- Recommendation 1 Moved by Councillor Susan Hobson, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack.
- Recommendation 2 Moved by Councillor Peter O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Steve Wain.
- Recommendation 3 Moved by Councillor Matt Buckler, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack.
- Recommendation 4 Moved by Councillor Peter O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Steve Wain.
- Recommendation 5 Moved by Councillor Steve Wain, seconded by Councillor Neil Buttle.

These were then put to the vote, and it was

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- 1. That those councillors nominated by their respective political groups be appointed to serve on the Biodiversity Sub-Committee for the 2023-24 municipal year.
- 2. That those councillors nominated by their respective political groups be appointed to serve on the Local Plan Sub-Committee for the 2023-24 municipal year.
- 3. That the Terms of Reference for the Biodiversity Sub-Committee be approved.
- 4. That the Terms of Reference for the Local Plan Sub-Committee be approved.

5. That the Director of Corporate and Customer Services be authorised to set meeting dates and times for the sub-committees for the 2023-24 municipal year.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 6.15 pm

Chairman

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Planning Committee

Minutes of a Planning Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 13th June, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Peter O'Brien - In the Chair

Councillors: Robert Archer, John Bointon, Sue Burfoot, Neil Buttle, Peter Dobbs, Nigel Norman Edwards-Walker, David Hughes, Laura Mellstrom, Dermot Murphy, Peter Slack, Mark Wakeman and Nick Whitehead

Present as Substitute - Councillors: Anthony Bates and Marilyn Franks

Kerry France (Legal Services Manager), Chris Whitmore (Development Control Manager), Adam Maxwell (Principal Planning Officer), Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader) and Angela Gratton (Democratic Services Officer)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): David Burton and Stuart Lees

19/23 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, Seconded by Councillor Neil Buttle and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 11 April 2023 be approved as a correct record.

The Chair declared the motion CARRIED.

20/23 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

21/23 - APPLICATION NO. 23/00334/FUL

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions set out in section 8 of the report.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

22/23 - APPLICATION NO. 23/00310/FUL

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of the Officer's recommendations regarding the queries on future dropping of kerbs in association with the development and the process of applying to the Local Highways Authority.

It was moved by Councillor David Hughes, seconded by Councillor Nick Whitehead and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions set out in section 8 of the report with the following amendments to conditions 2 and 3 to read as follows:

2. Notwithstanding the approved plans, within 6 months of the date of this permission the parking area shall be surfaced in accordance with the details (material, colour, finish and drainage) which shall have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure a satisfactory external appearance of the development and appropriate drainage of surface water with run-off no greater than the existing situation in accordance with Policies PD1, PD8 and S3 of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan 2017.

3. Notwithstanding the approved plans, within 6 months of this permission the retaining walls shall be constructed and faced with natural gritstone in accordance with details (stone sample, coursing and any coping stone) which shall have first been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason:

To ensure a satisfactory external appearance of the development in accordance with Policy PD1 and S3 of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan 2017.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

23/23 - APPLICATION NO. 22/01081/FUL

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Ms Teresa Waiton (Applicant) spoke in support of the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of representations from a local resident.

During debate, Members agreed if they were to approve, a Management Plan should be submitted on how the use of the site is monitored including a package to prevent nuisance, how to report them and register kept and review how to remedy.

It was moved by Councillor Nick Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions set out in section 8 of the report with the addition of a further condition as set out below:

16. The development hereby permitted shall not be operated other than in accordance with the management plan (including a package of measures to prevent nuisance, provisions for monitoring and reporting nuisance to the Local Planning Authority and remedy actions) which shall have been submitted to and approved in writing before the first occupation of any part of the development hereby permitted.

Reason:

In the interests of the amenity of neighbouring properties and the character and appearance of the area in accordance with policies PD1 and PD9 of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (2017).

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

24/23 - APPLICATION NO. 23/00012/FUL

The Development Manager gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mr Charlie Taylor (Agent) spoke in support of the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of further comments received from the applicant's agent with a correction to paragraph 2.1 of the report, informing Members that the building was not proposed for domestic purposes.

It was moved by Councillor Robert Archer, seconded by Councillor Dermot Murphy and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions set out in section 8 of the report.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

25/23 - APPLICATION NO. 23/00337/LBALT

It was decided that the application for listed building consent (23/00337/LBALT) would be considered prior to the related planning application (23/00336/FUL).

The Development Manager gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Ms Hannah Waterhouse (Applicant), Ms Louise Redfern (Chair of Biggin Parish Council) and Sir Richard FitzHerbert (Local Resident) spoke in support of the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of comments received from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and further information submitted by the applicant. It was moved by Councillor Robert Archer, seconded by Councillor Sue Burfoot and

RESOLVED

- That authority be delegated to the Development Manager to grant permission subject to the satisfactory completion of the required protected species surveys and submission of any necessary mitigation, confirmation being received from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust that the surveys and any necessary mitigation is acceptable and that there would be no additional works to the listed building.
- 2. That should the conditions above be fulfilled and permission be granted, it shall be subject to conditions as set out in the relevant decision notice.

Voting

14 For 01 Against 00 Abstentions

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

26/23 - APPLICATION NO. 23/00336/FUL

The Development Manager gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. As detailed previously, this comprised of comments received from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and further information submitted by the applicant.

It was moved by Councillor Robert Archer, seconded by Councillor Dermot Murphy and

RESOLVED

- That authority be delegated to the Development Manager to grant permission subject to the satisfactory completion of the required protected species surveys and submission of any necessary mitigation, confirmation being received from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust that the surveys and any necessary mitigation is acceptable and that there would be no additional works to the listed building.
- 2. That should the conditions above be fulfilled and permission be granted, it shall be subject to conditions as set out in the relevant decision notice.

Voting

14 For

00 Against 01 Abstentions

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

27/23 - APPEALS PROGRESS REPORT

It was moved by Councillor Nick Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the Appeals Progress Report be noted.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 8.10 pm

Chairman



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Joint Consultative Group

Notes of a meeting held on held on Wednesday, 21st June, 2023 at 2.30 pm in the Zoom - Virtual Meeting and via Zoom application.

PRESENT Councillor Steve Flitter (Leader of the Council) - In the Chair

Councillors: Neil Buttle, Susan Hobson and Peter Slack

Staff Representatives: Ashley Watts (Director of Community and Environmental Services), Nancy Maitland (Economic Development & Tourism Officer) and Dave Turvey (Events Manager)

Deborah Unwin (Human Resources Manager) and Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor(s) David Burton (Civic Chair of the Derbyshire Dales) and David Chapman

Officers: Paul Wilson (Chief Executive), Leanne Richardson (Senior Internal Auditor) and Dale Wright

J1/23 - ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2023/24

Tommy Shaw opened the meeting and asked for nominations for Chair of the group for the 2023/24 municipal year.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Susan Hobson and

AGREED (unanimously)

That Councillor Steve Flitter be elected as Chair of the Joint Consultative Group for the 2023/24 municipal year.

The Chair declared the motion CARRIED.

J2/23 - APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2023/24

The group were asked for nominations for Vice-Chair for the 2023/24 municipal year.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Steve Flitter and

AGREED (unanimously)

That Ash Watts be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Joint Consultative Group for the 2023/24 municipal year.

The Chair declared the motion CARRIED.

J3/23 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Neil Buttle, Seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Consultative Group held on 11 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

J4/23 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

J5/23 - NOTES OF THE EMPLOYEE GROUP

The HR Manager introduced the notes from the most recent meetings of the Employee Group, noting the completion of the mini staff survey, as one of the actions from the main staff survey action plan. The review of the impact of agile working and the employee substance misuse policy were also discussed. Councillor Flitter raised the importance of the employee group in ensuring that employees of the authority felt valued.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Steve Flitter and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the Notes of the Employee Group Meetings held on 16 February 2023 and 18 May 2023 be received by the Joint Consultative Group.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

J6/23 - NOTES OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

The HR Manager introduced the notes from the most recent Safety Committee meeting. Members were informed of the development regarding accident reporting from SERCO to the Safety Committee, these were to be considered along with the other quarterly internal accident reports.

It was moved by Councillor Neil Buttle, seconded by Councillor Peter Slack and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the Notes of the Safety Committee Meeting held on 1 March 2023 be received by the Joint Consultative Group.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

End: 3.00 pm

Chairman

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Licensing & Appeals Committee

Minutes of a Licensing & Appeals Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 27th June, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Dawn Greatorex - In the Chair

Councillors: Anthony Bates, John Bointon, Geoff Bond, Neil Buttle, Peter Dobbs, Steve Flitter, Marilyn Franks, Susan Hobson, Laura Mellstrom, Lucy Peacock, Peter Slack and Mark Wakeman

Tim Braund (Director of Regulatory Services), Eileen Tierney (Licensing Manager), Kerry France (Legal Services Manager) and Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Joanne Linthwaite and Steve Wain

28/23 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Neil Buttle, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 17 January 2023 be approved as a correct record.

Voting

05 For 00 Against 08 Abstentions The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

29/23 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

30/23 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

31/23 - TEMPORARY PAVEMENT LICENSING REGIME - UPDATE

The Licensing Manager provided an update regarding the temporary pavement licensing regime introduced in 2020. The report considered the proposals contained in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill 2022, to provide an extension of the current licensing provisions beyond 30 September 2024.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Neil Buttle and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

- 1. That the report be noted, and the extension to the temporary pavement licence regime be implemented, with applications for pavement licences to expire on or before 30 September 2024 being invited from food and drink businesses, (subject to enabling legislation being introduced).
- 2. That the viability of a band structure of fees for temporary pavement licensing be investigated for possible implementation to alleviate the cost pressures on small businesses within the district.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

32/23 - REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE (TAXI) AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY 2023 - PROGRESS REPORT

The Licensing Manager provided the Committee with an update on the review of the Council's Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy, informing members of additional changes made to the consultation document approved at the January 2023 meeting of the Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Steve Flitter, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

- 1. That the Committee agree the amendments made to the Draft Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy consultation document. (Original draft policy document approved at the January 2023 meeting).
- That the Committee agree the revised dates of the 8-week consultation exercise as 1st July to 31st August 2023.

- That the results of the consultation exercise are reported to the October 2023 meeting of this Committee for further consideration and to agree a Final Draft Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy for referral to the full Council, seeking approval to adopt and republish by 1st January 2024.
- 4. That further amendments to the draft Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy be identified which aim to incentivise the use of electric and hybrid vehicles to address air quality concerns within the district.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 6.53 pm

Chairman

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Planning Committee

Minutes of a Planning Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 11th July, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Peter O'Brien - In the Chair

Councillors: Robert Archer, John Bointon, Sue Burfoot, David Burton, Neil Buttle, Peter Dobbs, Nigel Norman Edwards-Walker, David Hughes, Stuart Lees, Dermot Murphy, Mark Wakeman and Nick Whitehead

Present as Substitute - Councillors: Kelda Boothroyd

Kerry France (Legal Services Manager), Chris Whitmore (Development Control Manager), Adam Maxwell (Principal Planning Officer), Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader) and Angela Gratton (Democratic Services Officer)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Laura Mellstrom and Peter Slack

38/23 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Nick Whitehead, seconded by Councillor Robert Archer and

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 13 June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

Voting

12 For 00 Against 02 Abstentions

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

39/23 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

40/23 - APPLICATION NO. 21/00956/FUL

The Development Manager gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mrs Carol Mosley (Local Resident) and Cllr. Ian Walker (Darley Dale Town Council) spoke against the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

It was moved by Councillor David Burton, seconded by Councillor Robert Archer and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That planning permission be refused for the reasons:

- 1. Insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate that foul sewage and chemical waste from the development will be appropriately disposed of and that such measures are deliverable for this retrospective application to not result in pollution of the environment contrary to the requirements of Policies S1, S4, PD8 and PD9 of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (2017) and National Planning Practice Guidance.
- 2. The prominent siting of the development in an open field constitutes an unwarranted and harmful incursion in the countryside that does not respect the character and appearance of this part of the local landscape contrary to the requirements of policies S4, PD1 and PD5 of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (2017) and the National Planning Policy Framework (2021).

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

41/23 - APPLICATION NO. 23/00508/FUL

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Ms Claire Wright / Mr Adam Hodgson (Applicant) spoke in support of the application. Ms Hannah Shakespeare (Local Resident), Mr Mike Andrew (Local Resident) and Mr Jonathan Edwards (Local Resident) spoke against the application. Councillor Matt Buckler commented on the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of comments received from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

It was moved by Councillor Stuart Lees, seconded by Councillor Nick Whitehead and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That authority be delegated to officers to issue a decision with the recommended conditions, and additional conditions relating to drainage (which will include the submission and approval of a final drainage scheme, that will follow the parameters of the drainage strategy designed for the site which considers an 1 in 100 rainfall event and 40% capacity for climate change and allow us to look at infiltration and outfall to a watercourse and independent verification of the system to ensure that it has been built and functions as designed), following consultation with the LLFA and confirmation that they do not object to the proposals or wish to comment in light of any recent flood events in the locality.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

7.55pm – The Chair adjourned the meeting. **8.08pm** – The meeting reconvened.

42/23 - APPLICATION NO. 22/01389/FUL

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mr Will Thompson (Applicant) spoke in support of the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of comments received from the Lead Local Flood Authority.

It was moved by Councillor David Burton, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED

That planning permission be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. That authority be delegated to the Development Manager or Principal Planning Officer to grant planning permission following the resolution of land drainage matters and completion of a S106 planning obligation to secure 30% provision of affordable homes on site, conditions recommended by consultees and conditions to secure appropriate materials, hard and soft landscaping and measures to help mitigate the effects of and adapt to climate change.

Voting

10 For 04 Against 00 Abstentions

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

43/23 - DURATION OF MEETINGS (MOTION TO CONTINUE)

At 8.30pm, it was moved by Councillor Robert Archer, seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

That in accordance with Rule of Procedure 13, the meeting continue for 30 minutes.

The Chair declared the motion CARRIED.

44/23 - APPLICATION NO. 22/01407/FUL

The Development Manager gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mr Andrew Stock (Agent) spoke in support of the application. Cllr. Sandra Spencer (Ashbourne Town Council) spoke against the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

It was moved by Councillor David Hughes, seconded by Councillor Neil Buttle and

RESOLVED

That authority be delegated to the Development Manager or Principal Planning Officer to grant planning permission following the completion of a S106 planning obligation to secure 10 no. affordable homes on site (including 3 first homes) an off-site affordable housing contribution equivalent to 0.8 units (£36,371.20), a contribution of £6123.60 towards children's play equipment on the nearby play area, a £2127.60 contribution towards the provision of allotments within the District and a mechanism to secure biodiversity net gai for a period of at least 30 years, with the recommended conditions and the following additional conditions:

1. Prior to first occupation of a dwelling, a pedestrian footway shall be provided to the southwest of the site access connecting to existing footpath infrastructure, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reason:

To improve pedestrian access to services and facilities in accordance with the aims of Policies S1, S3 and HC19 of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.

2. Prior to first occupation of a dwelling, a scheme for improving cycling and walking opportunities through the site and details of any new connections shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Such connections shall thereafter be made within three months of the first occupation of a dwelling unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority (2017).

Reason:

To enhance pedestrian and cycling connectivity in accordance with the aims of Polices S1, S3 and HC19 of the Adopted Derbyshire Local Plan (2017).

Voting

13 For 01 Against 00 Abstentions

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

45/23 - DURATION OF MEETINGS (MOTION TO CONTINUE)

At 9.15pm, it was moved by Councillor Peter O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Peter Dobbs and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

That in accordance with Rule of Procedure 13, the meeting continues to enable the business on the agenda to be concluded.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

46/23 - APPLICATION NO. 22/00769/FUL

The Development Manager gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Ms Alexandra Palfreyman (Agent) spoke in support of the application. Ms Beverly Van de Griend (Local Resident), Ms Mari Maxfield (Local Resident) and Ms Ann Tobin (Local Resident) spoke against the application.

Consultation responses were set out in section 5 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of a further three representations received from local residents.

It was moved by Councillor David Hughes seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman and

RESOLVED

That planning permission be approved subject to the conditions set out in section 8 of the report.

Voting

09 For 04 Against 01 Abstentions

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

47/23 - APPLICATION NO. 22/00770/LBALT

The Development Manager gave a presentation showing details of the application and photographs of the site and surroundings.

The Committee visited the site prior to the meeting to allow Members to appreciate the proposal in the context of its surroundings.

Consultation responses were set out in section 8 of the report.

Correspondence received after publication of the agenda was distributed at the meeting. This comprised of a correction to the report which should refer to 8th November <u>2022</u>, as detailed in the planning application 22/00769/FUL.

It was moved by Councillor Robert Archer, seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

RESOLVED

That the listed building consent be granted subject to the conditions set out in section 8 of the report.

Voting

11 For 01 Against 02 Abstentions

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

48/23 - APPEALS PROGRESS REPORT

It was moved by Councillor David Burton, seconded by Councillor Stuart Lees and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

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That the report be noted.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 9.55 pm

Chairman

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