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Council

Minutes of a Council meeting held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 24th November, 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT Councillor Andrew Shirley - In the Chair

Councillors: Jacqueline Allison, Jason Atkin, Richard Bright, Martin Burfoot, Neil Buttle, David Chapman, Paul Cruise, Tom Donnelly, Graham Elliott, Steve Flitter, Helen Froggatt, Chris Furness, Clare Gamble, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, David Hughes, Stuart Lees, Michele Morley, Tony Morley, Dermot Murphy, Peter O'Brien, Mike Ratcliffe, Janet Rose, Peter Slack, Andrew Statham, Alasdair Sutton, Steve Wain and Mark Wakeman

Paul Wilson (Chief Executive), James McLaughlin (Director of Corporate and Customer Services (Monitoring Officer)), Karen Henriksen (Director of Resources), Ashley Watts (Director of Community and Environmental Services), Robert Cogings (Director of Housing), Kerry France (Legal Services Manager), Samantha Grisman (Clean & Green Manager), Rebecca Cummins (Community Development Manager), Jeremy Rowe (Operations Director for Freedom Leisure), Alistair Gould (Area Manager for Freedom Leisure) and Lucy Harrison (Democratic Services Assistant)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Sue Bull, Robert Archer, Matt Buckler, Sue Burfoot, Richard FitzHerbert, Dawn Greatorex, Garry Purdy, Claire Raw, Mark Salt and Colin Swindell.

208/22 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Re: Agenda Item 15 – Establishment of Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group

In accordance with the procedure for public participation a statement was received from Northwood & Tinkersley Parish Council, John Youatt on behalf of the owners of the Woodyard and a letter from Rowsley Parish Council.

209/22 - 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 a meeting of Council held on 29th September 2022 be approved as a correct record.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

210/22 - INTERESTS

Item 11 - Additional Funding for Freedom Leisure due to the Increased Cost of Energy

Councillor Alasdair Sutton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 11 due to a family member being a regular user of services provided by Freedom Leisure and left the room during consideration of this item.

Item 12 - Hurst Farm Heritage Trail Lottery Bid Approval

Councillor Steve Flitter declared a pecuniary interest in Item 12 due to being a trustee of the Friends of Hurst Farm and the beginning of the trail running adjacent to his property. Councillor Steve Flitter left the room during consideration of this item.

Councillor Paul Cruise declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 12 due to being a trustee of the Friends of Hurst Farm.

211/22 - LEADERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to Councillor Garry Purdy's absence, Leaders' Announcements were not presented.

212/22 - CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

"My thanks to the town mayor Cllr Paul Cruise for the invite to attend the remembrance parade in Matlock on the 13th. The road was lined with onlookers as we marched from the Edgefold club into Crown Square. The Parkhead was packed and it was good to see so many younger people and children attending the event. I had the honour of laying the wreath on behalf of DDDC. A moving and Solemn occasion.

A quick thank you to fellow councillors Alyson Hill. Stuart Lees. Jason Atkin and Mike Ratcliffe who attended services and laid wreaths in their respective wards on behalf of this council.”

213/22 - COMMITTEES

Councillor O'Brien raised concerns regarding the recommendation included in minute 176/22 of Community and Environment Committee on the 1st November 2022. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that this recommendation would be considered at a future meeting of Council.

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

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the non-exempt minutes of the Committees listed in the Minute Book for the period 13th September 2022 to 08th November 2022 be received.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

214/22 - QUESTIONS (RULE OF PROCEDURE 15)

Question from Councillor Mike Ratcliffe to Councillor Garry Purdy, Leader of the Council and Councillor Jason Atkin, Chair of Planning Committee:

“A number recent planning committee meetings have been in session for well over 4 hours. This inordinate length has a clear detrimental impact upon members, officers and the public who attend. Given that the regulatory and statutory function of the DDDC as a Planning Authority demands the highest standards of protocol and procedure, is it not now time for an urgent review into the governance process involved?”

In Councillor Garry Purdy's absence, Councillor Susan Hobson provided a verbal response:

Thanks for your question, Cllr Ratcliffe. Like you, I am becoming increasingly concerned at the length of Planning Committee meetings in recent months. I know that the Monitoring Officer has indicated a few months ago that he was keeping a close eye on the committee and the way it operates, so I expect that he will bring forward proposals for consideration in due course. Members can send their thoughts directly to him if there are specific issues they would wish to be considered.

However, the responsibility is not just with officers, but also with Members. It is not unreasonable to expect that Members prepare fully in advance of meetings so that the best use of time can be achieved for all attendees. In the recent training provided to members of the Planning Committee, there was a reminder that Members should approach case officers to put questions in advance of the meeting and not leave them until the night of the meeting. This is not only a better use of officer time to avoid lengthy questions in meetings but should also allow more focus on the contributions to debate that Members make to enable the Committee to reach a decision – which should influence the way in which the committee chooses to vote.

Questions from Councillor Martin Burfoot to Councillor Garry Purdy, Leader of the Council:

“From documents currently available it appears that over £3.5million collected from developers in lieu of affordable housing provision has been received, but not spent or yet allocated to any affordable housing project, as of March 2021.

Can Cllr Purdy confirm the above figure and provide a more up-to-date figure to show the current situation as regards S106 money held by the Council?

Does Cllr Purdy also agree with me that, given the Council’s Climate Change mitigation target, we should explore using some of this cash by championing energy efficient homes, with up to date insulation and renewable energy measures applied to all new build housing developments?”

In Councillor Garry Purdy’s absence, Councillor Susan Hobson provided a verbal response:

Part 1:

I can refer Cllr Burfoot to Appendix C of the Capital Programme report which provides the up to date forecast for all of the capital reserves. The projected opening balance for the Section 106 reserve at 1st April 2023 is £4,019,683.

Part 2:

The District Council has played a key role in both enabling access to funds to support the cost of retrofitting existing homes with energy efficiency measures in the social housing and private sector, as well as supporting the adoption of higher standards in new build social housing. S106 income can only be spent on affordable housing and so the council’s investment is vital to support the majority of affordable housing schemes either delivered directly by the council or through housing associations. In terms of the Council’s own housing stock, we are investing s106 funding to ensure the existing homes we buy reach a minimum of EPC B and we have achieved this on two homes already, one in Matlock and one in Darley Dale. In Ashbourne we are buying 3 homes from a private developer which will be finished to a higher energy efficiency standard, through solar pv and battery technology, than the private homes on the same site. In Monyash we are taking on 5 homes and investing in the renovation and retrofit of the properties to improve their energy efficiency.

Members will recall that previously the Council approved a substantial grant to Nottingham Community Housing Association that will see 33 new homes on Mayfield Road in Ashbourne. This will be the most energy efficient housing development in the district, with no gas boilers and instead be heated by air source heat pumps. The wooden frame homes will be highly energy efficient and include solar panels.

Working with our local Almshouse Trusts we are also delivering substantial energy efficiency improvements with challenging ‘hard to treat’ homes including those in Matlock, Wirksworth and Calver. Works include solar panels, air source heat pumps, internal wall insulation, insulated floors, battery technology and ‘power walls’ along with a range of other energy saving features. The Council’s progress in retrofit activity was highlighted when the Council was shortlisted in the national ‘Retrofit Academy Awards’ earlier this year.

In summary the Council is leading the way by directly providing our own new energy efficient homes and supporting our existing partners to go beyond the existing building regulations.

215/22 - PROPOSAL OF A NOTICE OF MOTION (RULE OF PROCEDURE 16)

The Council considered a motion submitted by Councillor Peter Slack in accordance with rule of procedure 16.

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

RESOLVED

1. That the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration be approved and adopted.
2. That the Director of Corporate and Customer Services and Director of Resources prepare a report for a future meeting setting out the resource and legal implications associated with:
 - Leading by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities
 - Ensuring IR35 is implemented robustly and contract workers pay a fair share of employment taxes.
 - Not using offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty.
 - Undertaking due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately by suppliers as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates.
 - Demanding clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership of suppliers UK and overseas and their consolidated profit & loss position, given lack of clarity could be strong indicators of poor financial probity and weak financial standing
 - Promoting Fair Tax Mark certification especially for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due
 - Supporting Fair Tax Week events in the area, and celebrating the tax contribution made by responsible businesses are proud to promote responsible tax conduct and pay their fair share of corporation tax.
 - Supporting calls for urgent reform of UK procurement law to enable local authorities to better penalise poor tax conduct and reward good tax conduct through their procurement policies.

Voting

28 For

01 Against

00 Abstentions

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

216/22 - APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

It was proposed by Councillor Susan Hobson and seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly that Councillor Tony Morley be nominated as Chair of the Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Alyson Hill be nominated as Vice-Chair.

It was then proposed by Councillor Peter O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Neil Buttle that Councillor Clare Gamble be nominated as Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny Committee.

The nominations were then put to the vote as detailed below and

RESOLVED

That Councillor Tony Morley be elected as Chair and Councillor Alyson Hill be elected as Vice-Chair of Scrutiny Committee.

Voting

Councillor Tony Morley be elected as Chair:

28 For
00 Against
01 Abstention

Election of Vice-Chair:

18 Councillor Alyson Hill
12 Councillor Clare Gamble

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

217/22 - ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR FREEDOM LEISURE DUE TO THE INCREASED COST OF ENERGY

Councillor Alasdair Sutton left the room during the consideration of this Item due to previously declaring an interest.

The Director of Community & Environment Services introduced a report seeking approval for additional funding for Freedom Leisure to operate the four leisure centres across the district due to the increased cost of energy up to 31st March 2023.

Members were informed that following the government announcement of the Energy Bill Relief Scheme, Freedom Leisure could confirm that the total impact of the latest energy price increase was £272,397 this financial year and £578,693 for the next financial year, assuming the continuation of the central government support 'cap' after April 2023.

For this financial year Freedom Leisure forecasted a deficit after the utility increases of £325,000 and this was compounded by the effect of the lack of full income recovery after the global Covid-19 Pandemic and the subsequent inflationary rises in wages, goods, supplies and services. When the additional utility costs were included in the projections for next year it was noted that Freedom Leisure predicted a deficit of £739K in the financial year 2023-24.

It was moved by Councillor Susan Hobson, seconded by Councillor Tom Donnelly and

RESOLVED

1. That approval be given to a supplementary revenue budget, financed from the General Reserve, to support the partnership to the value of 75% of the significant increase in energy costs to the value of £204,000.

2. That support be ring-fenced to the Derbyshire Dales contract and paid on a monthly basis through open book accounting and monthly meetings with the contract managers up until 31st March 2023.
3. That further investigation be undertaken in January 2023, regarding options to mitigate costs and to review further information or support provided by central government.
4. That an update report be submitted to Council in March 2023.

Voting

25 For

02 Against

01 Abstained

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

218/22 - HURST FARM HERITAGE TRAIL LOTTERY BID APPROVAL

At 7:36pm, Councillors Steve Flitter and Neil Buttle left the meeting during consideration of this item.

The Director of Housing introduced a report giving an update on the Hurst Farm Regeneration project which had been in place since September 2017. It was noted that the project was delivering across several headings, the most recent being the award of a £1.2m Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant that would deliver a new footpath around the estate, linking four key heritage assets.

It was also detailed in the report that the Hurst Farm Heritage Trail project would seek to deliver a £1,222,841 Heritage Lottery grant awarded to the Council for the creation of the Hurst Farm Heritage Trail. The HLF grant of £1,009,000 with the balance match funding from existing Council budgets and estimated value of volunteer time.

Members were also informed of how the Heritage Trail project would act as a key part of the wider Hurst Farm Regeneration Vision created in partnership with the Hurst Farm community and other partners. The trail planned to restore 14.4 hectares of woodland adjacent to the Hurst Farm Estate, using natural and built heritage as a catalyst to improve the landscape, conserve nature, support a disadvantaged community, improve wellbeing and assist in regenerating a deprived area.

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

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. That the Director of Resources be authorised to sign the Funding Agreement and notes that the Council will be bound by the terms of the agreement.
2. That the terms of the HLF grant conditions be accepted and agreed and that the Director of Housing be authorised to submit the required information to the HLF.

3. That £682,885 (£565,034 plus £36,722 inflation and £81,129 contingencies) be added to the Council's capital programme in respect of the Hurst Farm Heritage Trail project, with the expenditure being financed by the HLF grant.
4. That a supplementary revenue budget of £326,115 (£272,942 plus £7,927 for inflation and £45,246 contingencies) be approved for 2022/23 in respect of revenue expenditure on the Hurst Farm Heritage Trail project, to be financed by a grant from the HLF.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

219/22 - CAPITAL PROGRAMME BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 AND FURTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS PROPOSALS

The Director of Resources introduced a report presenting the current financial position of spend against the 2022/23 Capital Programme as at 30th September 2022 and sought approval for the updated 2022/23 to 2024/25 Capital Programme and associated financing.

Members were reminded that at the Council meeting on 29th September 2022, the revised Capital Programme for 2022/23 of £8,801,014 was approved.

The report sought to set more accurate budgets for projects based upon previous tendering experience, which in turn should minimise the risk of overspend. It was also noted that the risk had increased at the time of rapidly increasing inflation, however it had been mitigated somewhat with the inclusion of contingencies within the estimated costs.

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

RESOLVED

1. That the Capital Programme spend to 30th September 2022 be noted.
2. That re-phasing of existing projects for completion over the next 3 years and the removal of projects not proceeding be approved.
3. That new projects and revisions set out in paragraph 3.1.1 of the report, totalling £1,723,312, be approved for inclusion in the Capital Programme.
4. That the updated capital programme for 2022/23 to 2024/25 set out in Appendix B to the report totalling £13,431,568 be approved.
5. That financing of the Capital Programme from the sources summarised at paragraph 3.3 be approved.

Voting

27 For

00 Against

02 Abstained

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

220/22 - AMENDED REVENUE OUTTURN 2021/22

At 7:49pm Councillor Janet Rose left the meeting, returning at 7:53pm prior to completion of the consideration of this item.

The Director of Resources introduced a report outlining the amended revenue outturn 2021/22. Members were reminded that in July 2022 the provisional outturn was calculated as £732,113. This was approved by Council on 28th July 2022. Following the July report, the production of the statutory Statement of Accounts continued. This process highlighted a number of errors which needed to be corrected, some of which had adjusted the overall surplus. The report described the impact of these corrections and sought approval for the additional surplus to be transferred to specific reserves.

As a consequence of the corrections to the 2021/22 revenue outturn, there had been a positive impact on the revenue account surplus with a further £1.66m, which would be available to fund one-off expenditure pressures and transition costs within the medium term financial plan. Notwithstanding the surplus in 2021/22, it was noted that the Council continued to face real terms budgetary pressures during a period of intense inflationary increases.

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

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. That the amended revenue outturn for 2021/22 and variance analysis be noted.
2. That an additional transfer of £1,610,572 to the General Reserve be approved.
3. That an additional transfer of £52,350 to Committed Expenditure Reserve be approved.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

221/22 - DURATION OF MEETING (MOTION TO CONTINUE)

At **8:23pm**, during the discussion of **Item 15 – Gypsy and Traveller Temporary Site Provision in the District**.

It was moved by Councillor Steve Flitter, seconded by Councillor Susan Hobson and

RESOLVED

That, in accordance with Rule of Procedure 13, the meeting continue to allow for the consideration of further Council business.

Voting:

26 For
03 Against
00 Abstention

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

222/22 - GYPSY AND TRAVELLER TEMPORARY SITE PROVISION IN THE DISTRICT

Councillor Susan Hobson, Chair of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Working Group introduced the report, reiterating that the District Council acknowledges its duty as the Housing Authority to provide accommodation to those specific Traveller families with an accepted local connection to the Derbyshire Dales. The report detailed the work and conclusions reached by the Members of the Working Group but should be viewed as a stepping stone that moves the Council forward in identifying potential temporary sites.

Whilst two sites had been recommended for designation as temporary sites, only one was noted as suitable for all-year round designation as a temporary site. No sites in the Council's ownership had been identified in the south of the District, although there were other options in the southern and central areas of the Derbyshire Dales which were not in the District Council's ownership that may be feasible and require further investigation and evaluation by the Working Group with the assistance of independent consultants.

The recommendations were endorsed for submission to Council by 9 Members of the Working Group (Councillors Jacqueline Allison and Steve Flitter were not present at the meeting where these proposals were agreed and did not indicate their consent).

The recommendations as set out in the report were moved by Councillor Tony Morley and seconded by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe.

During debate, an amendment to recommendation 1 was proposed by Councillor Peter O'Brien and seconded by Councillor David Hughes, this was detailed as follows:

"That the Council formally endorse and support the Urgent Decision taken by the Director of Corporate and Customer Services, on the recommendation of the Working Group and with the consent of the Chairman of the Council and the Leader of the Council, to designate the land at Matlock Bath Station Yard Car Park as a temporary site for use by a specific Traveller family until 31 January 2023 or until a suitable temporary or permanent site be identified"

In accordance with **Rule of procedure 19d**, a recorded vote was requested by Councillor Steve Wain and seconded by Councillor Paul Cruise. The amendment was put to the vote and the vote recorded as follows:

Voting:

For - 9 Councillors: Jacqueline Allison, Neil Buttle, Paul Cruise, Clare Gamble, David Hughes, Peter O'Brien, Mike Ratcliffe, Peter Slack and Steve Wain.

Against - 18 Councillors: Jason Atkin, Martin Burfoot, David Chapman, Tom Donnelly, Graham Elliott, Helen Froggatt, Chris Furness, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, Stuart Lees, Tony Morley, Michele Morley, Dermot Murphy, Janet Rose, Andrew Shirley, Andrew Statham, Alasdair Sutton and Mark Wakeman.

Abstention - 1 Councillor: Steve Flitter

The Chairman declared the amendment **Lost**.

In accordance with **Rule of procedure 19d**, a recorded vote was requested by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Dermot Murphy. The substantive motion amendment was put to the vote and the votes recorded as follows:

Voting:

For - 16 Councillors: Jason Atkin, David Chapman, Tom Donnelly, Graham Elliott, Helen Froggatt, Alyson Hill, Susan Hobson, Stuart Lees, Tony Morley, Michele Morley, Dermot Murphy, Janet Rose, Andrew Shirley, Andrew Statham, Alasdair Sutton and Mark Wakeman.

Against - 10 Councillors: Jaqueline Allison, Martin Burfoot, Neil Buttle, Paul Cruise, Steve Flitter, Clare Gamble, David Hughes, Peter O'Brien, Peter Slack and Steve Wain.

Abstention - 1 Councillor: Mike Ratcliffe.

It was therefore

RESOLVED

1. That the Council formally endorse and support the Urgent Decision taken by the Director of Corporate and Customer Services, on the recommendation of the Working Group and with the consent of the Chairman of the Council and the Leader of the Council, to designate the land at Matlock Bath Station Yard Car Park as a temporary site for use by a specific Traveller family until 31 January 2023.
2. That the land at the north of Derwent Way Car Park in Matlock be formally designated as a temporary site for use by a specific Traveller family with an accepted local connection to the Derbyshire Dales.
3. That officers be authorised to install appropriate utilities for use by the specific Traveller family at that site.
4. That the Chief Executive, Director of Corporate and Customer Services or Director of Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, be authorised to instruct specific Traveller families to vacate designated temporary sites and direct to alternative temporary sites (as identified and approved by the full Council) and that Ward Members be notified of any such instructions and directions.
5. That the Working Group be authorised to continue its work to investigate and evaluate other sites that have been identified in the southern and central areas of the Derbyshire Dales that are not in the ownership of the District Council, engage with the specific Traveller families and report its findings and recommendations to a meeting of the Council in January 2023.
6. That authority be delegated to officers to appoint consultants for the purpose of supporting the working group in determining whether other sites outside of the Council's ownership in the southern and central areas of the Derbyshire Dales are viable and suitable for recommendation to the Council for development as temporary sites for use by Gypsies and Travellers.

7. That the need for the Council to identify an additional temporary site to be utilised from 31 January 2023 and the legal implications of failing to designate an additional temporary site within that timeframe be noted.
8. That having considered the views of Town/Parish Councils, local residents, businesses and Ward Members, the following sites not be considered as suitable for designation by the Council as potential temporary sites for Gypsies and Travellers with a local connection to the Derbyshire Dales:
 - i. Auction Close Car Park, Ashbourne
 - ii. Leisure Way Car Park, Ashbourne
 - iii. Clifton Road Coach and Car Park, Ashbourne
 - iv. Cokayne Avenue Recreation Ground, Ashbourne
 - v. Cokayne Avenue Car Park
 - vi. Shawcroft Car Park, Ashbourne
 - vii. Fish Pond Meadow Overspill Car Park, Ashbourne
 - viii. Fish Pond Meadows Playing Fields, Ashbourne
 - ix. Playing Field, Ashes Avenue, Hlland Ward
 - x. Old Station Close Car Park, Rowsley
 - xi. Land north west of Middleton Cemetery, New Road, Middleton
 - xii. Land adjacent to 26 Griggs Gardens, Wirksworth
 - xiii. Land to South East of Hopton Works, Middleton Road, Wirksworth
 - xiv. Arc Leisure Car Parks, Morledge
 - xv. Temple Walk Car Park, Matlock Bath
 - xvi. Artist Corner Car Park, Dale Road, Matlock Bath
 - xvii. Huntsbridge Recreation Ground, Alfreton Road, Tansley
 - xviii. Town Hall Rear Car Park, Edgefold Road, Matlock
 - xix. High Tor, Matlock
 - xx. Land at Harrison Way, Northwood
 - xxi. Monsal Head Car Park, Ashford
 - xxii. Land to the south of 59 Yeld Close, Bakewell
 - xxiii. Car Park at Agricultural Way, Bakewell
 - xxiv. Nether End Car Park, Baslow
 - xxv. Hawkhill Road Car Park, Eyam
 - xxvi. Parsons Croft Car Park, Mill Lane, Hartington
 - xxvii. Land to the rear of Edge View, Stoney Middleton

*This would not preclude third parties from approaching the Council in respect of these sites or submitting planning applications for the development of these sites. This decision would not indicate predetermination in respect of any future deliberation in respect of these landholdings of the Council.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Councillor Richard Bright left the meeting at 8:23pm during consideration of this item.

Councillor Chris Furness left the meeting at 8:52pm during consideration of this item.

Councillor Graham Elliott and Councillor David Chapman left the meeting at 8:58pm.

223/22 - EAST MIDLANDS DEVOLUTION DEAL AND MAYORAL COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY

At 8:58pm Councillor Michele Morley left the meeting, returning at 8:59pm prior to completion of the consideration of this item.

The Chief Executive introduced a report updating Members of the details contained within the East Midlands Devolution Deal along with the progress so far and the next steps. The report also sought Council agreement to participate in discussions related to the implementation of the deal.

Members were informed that in February 2022, the Government published its White Paper on Levelling up, a significant set of proposals which look to address geographical disparities in funding, productivity and growth across England.

As part of the Levelling Up White Paper, the Government announced that Derbyshire and Derby City were one of only nine areas invited to agree new county deals, extending devolution across England.

Securing a devolution deal has been a long-standing ambition for leaders in Derbyshire, Derby, Nottinghamshire and Nottingham, in order to address the lasting impact caused through decades of underfunding (when compared to other areas). The four upper tier councils therefore agreed to cooperate at pace on the creation of a new devolution deal that would cover the D2N2 LEP area by establishing a Mayoral Combined County Authority.

It was moved by Councillor Peter O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Clare Gamble that recommendations 1,3 and 4 be agreed with the omission of recommendation 2. The motion was put to the vote as follows

1. Council formally acknowledges the content of the East Midlands Devolution Deal signed by the four upper tier authorities on 30th August 2022.
3. Council delegates authority to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, to continue to represent the interests of the District Council in ongoing discussions with the upper tier authorities and other Derbyshire districts/boroughs.
4. Where formal decisions are required to be made on behalf of the District Council, future reports be presented to Members for consideration.

Voting

11 For

14 Against

00 Abstention

The Chairman declared the motion **Lost**.

It was then moved by Councillor Jason Atkin, seconded by Councillor Tony Morley and

RESOLVED

1. That the Council formally acknowledges the content of the East Midlands Devolution Deal signed by the four upper tier authorities on 30th August 2022.
2. That the Council endorses in principle support for the East Midlands Devolution Deal.

3. That the Council delegates authority to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, to continue to represent the interests of the District Council in ongoing discussions with the upper tier authorities and other Derbyshire districts/boroughs.
4. That where formal decisions are required to be made on behalf of the District Council, future reports be presented to Members for consideration.

Voting

16 For

09 Against

00 Abstention

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 9.29 pm

Chairman