

THE EXECUTIVE

Meeting: Thursday, 18 April 2024 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room A, Buxton Town Hall

Present: Councillor A McKeown (Chair)

Councillors A Barrow, G Claff, D Greenhalgh, F Sloman and J Todd

Councillors J Collins and L Grooby were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Baker and M Taylor

24/49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
(Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations made.

24/50 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2024 be approved as a correct record.

24/51 FORWARD PLAN
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the Forward Plan be noted.

24/52 DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENT AND WAR PENSIONER POLICY
(Agenda Item 5)

The purpose of the report was to introduce policies for Discretionary Housing Payments and War Pensions and Armed Forces compensation disregards.

Options considered:

Not applicable.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive note the content of the report be noted and the policies for Discretionary Housing Payments and War Pensions and Armed Forces be approved.

24/53 CLIMATE CHANGE ANNUAL REPORT
(Agenda Item 6)

The Council was committed to provide an annual report on progress made towards delivery of its Climate Change Strategy. This report presented the Annual Climate Change Report which was considered by the Council's Climate Change Working Group in February 2024.

It was reported that key performance indicators for the Council's Climate Change strategy were due to be revised as part of the Council's review of its performance management arrangements. It was suggested that a short plain English guide be issued to accompany the main report to be promoted via the Council's social media channels.

Options considered:

No identified.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Annual Report and progress to date be noted, subject to a concise, plain English guide being produced and promoted.
2. That the next steps for the development of future action plans be noted.

24/54 NATURE RECOVERY DECLARATION
(Agenda Item 7)

The purpose of the report was to acknowledge that we were facing a nature emergency and to identify steps that the Borough Council could take in response.

A number of amendments to the declaration were presented to the Executive in a supplementary document and would be presented to a future meeting of the Council's Climate Change Working Group for further consideration and revision prior to being presented at Full Council.

Options considered:

To not adopt the Nature Recovery Declaration.

RESOLVED:

That the adoption of the revised Nature Recovery Declaration attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved, subject to further consideration by the Council's Climate Change Working Group and any plain English amendments.

24/55 DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP BOARD
(Agenda Item 8)

The purpose of the report was to provide an update on work taking place with Derby and Derbyshire councils on a revised approach to collaborative

and partnership working and to seek approval from the Executive to participate in a new Joint Committee of Derby and Derbyshire's councils – the Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board.

The report also set out how this would link into the new East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) arrangements.

The report would be presented to the next Full Council meeting for information.

Options considered:

Existing Joint Committees having been dissolved, the Council could take the option to not participate in the Strategic Leadership Board once established. This is not desirable as this report has indicated that the Board is a merger of two successful Joint Committees to support effective and efficient decision making. There is also significant interest in continuing to work collaboratively with Derby and Derbyshire Councils to work collectively in partnership to tackle the county's challenges and speak as a collective where possible. There would still however, need to be an alternative vehicle to make nominations to the CCA when established.

RESOLVED:

1. That the outcome of the governance review of cross Derbyshire bodies that lead to the proposals to merge appropriate governance structures into a single new framework for Derbyshire Councils, which will include a new formal decision-making Joint Committee called the Derby & Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board be noted.
2. That proposals for the establishment of the Board and delegates functions to the Joint Committee as set out in the Functions and Responsibilities document in Appendix 2 be approved.
3. That the draft the Terms of Reference, including the Introduction and Context, Functions and Responsibilities, Procedural Rules and Information Procedure Rules for the Strategic Leadership Board as set out at Appendix 2 and the position detailed in those documents regarding scrutiny and co-option be noted.
4. That the Council's active participation in the Board be approved and that the Leader of the Council be appointed as the Council's representative on the Derby & Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board plus the Deputy Leader as a substitute.
5. That the progress with the establishment of the East Midlands Combined County Combined Authority (EMCCA) as set out in sections 10.1 to 10.6 of the report be noted.
6. That the intention that the SLB be the body for the nomination of district and Borough representatives to the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) be noted.

7. That the intention that the County Council will act as the host authority for the Joint Committee be noted.
8. That the dissolution of the D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity, the enactment of which is subject to the establishment of the Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board, and that the Council's Constitution is amended accordingly be noted.
9. That the dissolution of the Vision Derbyshire Joint Committee, the enactment of which is subject to the establishment of the Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Board, and that the Council's Constitution is amended accordingly be noted.

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TO RESOLVE THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BECAUSE THERE MAY BE DISCLOSURE TO THEM OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

(Agenda Item 9)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as there maybe disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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TO APPROVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda Item 10)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2024 be approved as a correct record.

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INSURANCE SERVICES PROCUREMENT EXERCISE

(Agenda Item 11)

The Executive approved a report with regards to an insurance tender procurement exercise being undertaken.

The meeting concluded at 7.05 pm

CHAIRMAN