

CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD IN
VICTORIA ROOM, LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN HALL
ON 25TH APRIL 2022

PRESENT

The Mayor (Councillor Baines)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Tillotson)

Councillor Bailey	Councillor Miah
Councillor Barkley	Councillor Morgan
Councillor Bokor	Councillor Murphy
Councillor J. Bradshaw	Councillor Needham
Councillor S. Bradshaw	Councillor Pacey
Councillor Brookes	Councillor Parsons
Councillor Campsall	Councillor Parton
Councillor Capleton	Councillor Poland
Councillor Charles	Councillor Popley
Councillor Draycott	Councillor Radford
Councillor Forrest	Councillor Ranson
Councillor Fryer	Councillor Rattray
Councillor Goddard	Councillor Rollings
Councillor A. Gray	Councillor Savage
Councillor B. Gray	Councillor Seaton
Councillor Grimley	Councillor Shepherd
Councillor Hamilton	Councillor Smidowicz
Councillor C. Harris	Councillor Snartt
Councillor K. Harris	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Howe	Councillor Ward
Councillor Lowe	Councillor Williams
Councillor Mercer	

Honorary Alderman Day

148. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Bentley, Boldrin, Hadji-Nikolaou, Hunt, Harper-Davies, Gerrard and Paling.

Apologies for absence had been received from Honorary Aldermen Bush, Shields, Stott and Tormey.

149. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

The following disclosures of pecuniary or personal interests were made.

- i. By Councillor Shepherd – A personal interest in item 12 (Urgent Executive Decisions Exempted from Call-In) as a representative of the Leicestershire County Council Asset Management Committee.

150. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21st February 2022 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council on 1st March 2022 were confirmed and signed.

151. ANNOUNCEMENTS

152. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements.

“I would like to offer my condolences on the recent passing of Simon Cole who until his retirement had served as Leicestershire Police's Chief Constable for 12 years. Simon grew up in Leicestershire and had been in policing for 30 years and served with West Midlands and Hampshire. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing.

I would also like to offer my condolences on the recent passing of former Councillor and past Mayor, Mavis Mason. Mavis was the Mayor of Charnwood for the Civic Year 1991/1992 and a Borough Councillor for 15 years, representing the Cossington Ward between 1976 and 1983, and Sileby between 1987 and 1995. She was awarded the British Empire Medal by The Queen in 2013 for her services to community life. She was 94 years old when she passed, just shy of turning 95 on the 20th of March.

Please stand to join me in a minute's silence to remember both Simon Cole and former Councillor and Past Mayor, Mavis Mason.”

The Council then observed a one minute's silence to remember both Simon Cole and former Councillor and Past Mayor, Mavis Mason.

“I am pleased to announce finally after various cancellations due to Covid that my Civic Service will now be held on 21st May 2022 at 4 p.m. at All Saints Church, Staple Row, Loughborough. You are all welcome to attend”

153. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader referred to Councillor Baine's Mayoral Year and thanked him for his service as Mayor on behalf of the Council. He highlighted that it had been another extraordinary year and that the Mayor had carried out the role very well considering the circumstances.

154. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Executive made no announcements.

155. PETITIONS

Councillor Taylor presented two petitions on behalf of residents in her ward regarding Davidsons Developments Ltd, planning permission to build 420 houses on Land to the north and south of Groby Road, Anstey and William Davis Ltd & Chapman Estates Ltd. Planning permission to build 500 houses on land to the west of Bradgate Road, Anstey.

Councillor Forrest presented a petition on behalf of residents in her ward regarding anti-social behaviour on the Warwick Way estate.

The Mayor confirmed that the petitions would be considered and responded to in accordance with the Council's petition scheme.

156. BUSINESS RESERVED TO COUNCIL

157. REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

A report of the Licensing Committee to consider a revised Statement of Licensing Policy made under the Licensing Act 2003 following consideration by the Licensing Committee and public consultation, was submitted (item 6.1 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Lowe, seconded by Councillor Forrest and

RESOLVED that the Statement of Licensing Policy made under the Licensing Act 2003, set out in Annex A to this report, be approved and adopted.

Reason

To ensure that the Council has an up-to-date Statement of Licensing Policy to adhere to which sets out the Council's policy in respect of liquor licensing, including confirming proposed changes to the boundary of the Loughborough Cumulative Impact Zone, that meets the licensing objectives and complies with the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003.

158. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

A report of the Cabinet to consider proposed amendments to the Constitution following the annual review, was submitted (item 6.2 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Smidowicz, seconded by Councillor Poland, and

RESOLVED that the changes to the Constitution set out in Appendix 1 to the report (attached as an Annex) be made, to be effective from the new Civic Year 2022/23.

Reason

To ensure the Constitution is kept up to date and fulfils its intended purposes.

159. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

A report of the Chief Executive to present a proposal to undertake a review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations within the Borough to prepare for the new warding arrangements that will come into effect for the Borough elections on 4th May 2023, was submitted (item 6.3 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Miah, and

RESOLVED that a review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations within the Borough be undertaken, to commence in May 2022, with final proposals being reported for approval at the November 2022 Council meeting.

Reason

To ensure that any amended arrangements for polling districts, polling places and polling stations are in place for the next Borough elections in May 2023.

160. TIMETABLE FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND MEMBER TRAINING DAYS FOR 2022/24

A report of the Chief Executive to consider a proposed timetable for Council and committee meetings and designated member training days for the next two Council years (2022 - 2024), from June 2022 to May 2024, was submitted (item 6.4 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Smidowicz, seconded by Councillor Fryer, and

RESOLVED

1. That the schedule of Council, Cabinet, Scrutiny and other committee meetings for 2022-24, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved subject to the following changes;
 - That the date of the Council meeting scheduled for 20th June 2022 be moved to 4th July 2022 to fit with the approval process for a report about the Senior Leadership review.
 - That the Scrutiny Commission meeting scheduled for 4th July 2022 be moved to 5th July 2022.
 - That the Appeals & Reviews Committee, which is scheduled in the report for the date of 21st April 2023, should be Monday, 24th April 2023.
2. That the proposed dates for member training days for 2022-24, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, be endorsed.

3. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Strategic Support to make minor amendments and corrections to the schedule of Council and committee meetings and member training days.

Reasons

1. To ensure that a schedule of meetings for 2022-24 is agreed to enable planning for the forthcoming two Council years.
2. To ensure that there is a timetable to enable planning for training and development days for Councillors and co-opted members.
3. To enable minor amendments and corrections to be made in a timely manner.

161. CALL-IN REFERENCES

There were no call-in references from Scrutiny.

162. POSITION STATEMENTS

No position statements had been requested.

163. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

No motions on notice had been submitted.

164. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

The questions on notice and the responses of the Leader or his nominee were submitted (item 10 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

165. LIGHTBULB

166. DEVELOPERS AND APPROVED PLANS

Councillor Taylor stated that her question had not been answered thoroughly and that she had initially asked for the number of times that the Planning Department had taken enforcement action against a develop for not building to an approved plan?

Councillor Bailey stated that enforcement action was used only as a last resort in planning matters.

167. MARTIN COURT, ANSTEY

Councillor Taylor asked that more information be provided on plans for Martin Court, Anstey when available to enable her to inform residents.

Councillor Poland stated that he was happy to discuss plans with Councillor Taylor as soon as possible.

168. BEDFORD SQUARE/WARD'S END

Councillor Draycott thanked officers for the response received and stated that the whole cost of the project had not been included within the response.

The Leader stated that the cost to date had been included within the response and that the final cost of the project could be communicated to the Council following completion of the project.

169. LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Councillor Draycott stated that she would ask the same question at a later date for more information.

The Leader stated that Councillor Draycott's initial question had been answered in the response provided.

170. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN STORER WARD

Councillor Forrest stated that she was disappointed with the response to the initial question. She asked whether the Council would reinstall the CCTV camera at Warwick Court to deter crime?

The Leader stated that the Lead Member for Community Support and Equalities was not present at the meeting and that he would speak to her following the meeting to provide an answer to Councillor Forrest's question. He also encouraged Councillor Forrest to liaise with the officer team at the Council in order to identify a solution to issues.

171. DEVOLUTION DEALS

Councillor J Bradshaw thanked officers and the Leader for the response and expressed concern that the Council would be disadvantaged financially. She asked the Leader what the Council planned to do in response?

The Leader stated that it was mainly a matter for Leicestershire County Council who had applied for a level 3 deal but indications were that a level 2 deal was more likely. He highlighted that Leicestershire County Council received the lowest level of funding in the country at present and as discussions were ongoing it was hoped that additional funding could be awarded in the future. The District Council was ready and willing to help.

172. COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT AUMBERRY GAP

Councillor Draycott did not wish to ask a supplementary question.

173. MINUTE REFERENCES

There were no minute references.

174. URGENT EXECUTIVE DECISIONS EXEMPTED FROM CALL-IN

A report of the Chief Executive to note decisions which were exempted from call-in in accordance with Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.9. (item 12 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

175. DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

A report of the Chief Executive to inform Council of a change to a delegation of Executive functions to the Head of Regulatory Services (item 13 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

176. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

A report of the Chief Executive to seek confirmation of changes to the membership of committees (item 15 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

It was proposed by Councillor Poland, seconded by Councillor Morgan, and

RESOLVED that the following changes to committees be made;

Committee	Past Representative	New Representative
Licensing Committee	Cllr Andrew Paling	Cllr Ken Pacey
Finance and Performance Scrutiny Panel	Cllr Andrew Paling	Cllr Robin Popley

Reason

To reflect the wishes of the Conservative group in making appointments to committees and to comply with sections 11.2(d) and 12.4(a) and (b) of the Council's Constitution.

Note:

These minutes are subject to confirmation as a correct record at the next meeting of the Council which is scheduled for Monday 23rd May 2022.