

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

26 APRIL 2023

PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Ms Watson-Merret), Councillors, Mrs A'Barrow, Mrs Brown, Mrs Crane, Daly, Miss Dumbleton, Edwards, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Harrington, Mrs Hassell, Miss Lawrence, Lawrence, Lewis, Ms Livesey, Lowe, Mahoney, Ms Maoudis, Mistry, Moran, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Parker, Picker, Poole, Rabin, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Sandison, Slinger, Srivastava, Mrs Timms, Ward and Willis.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Allanach, Douglas, Eccleson, Ellis and Mrs New.

90. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2023 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

92. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Members had been informed that former Councillor Dave Cranham sadly passed away recently. Dave represented the former Brownsover North/Coton and Boughton Ward from 2006 to 2014 and then the Hillmorton Ward from 2016 to 2021.

Dave served on a number of Committees and Task Groups and was a regular member of Planning Committee, serving as Vice-Chair from 2010 to 2012.

Everyone present at the meeting stood in a moment's silence in memory of Dave.

(b) On Saturday 6 May the borough will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III and will be represented at the coronation ceremony by the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, Tim Cox.

Here in Rugby, many of our neighbourhoods would be holding street parties. The Council would be hosting its own off-street street party in Caldecott Park, and all of our residents were invited to join us. Everyone was asked to bring a picnic, blankets or chairs and enjoy a day of free, family entertainment in

Rugby town centre. Entertainment would include a Punch and Judy show, a balloon modeller, juggler, stilt walkers and a living statue. There were additional activities and exhibitions being hosted by Rugby Art Gallery and Museum.

To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation, voluntary organisations across the country were getting together for The Big Help Out. A number of organisations would be attending a volunteer fair at the coronation picnic. Anyone attending would be able to find out about how they could support the valued work of Warwickshire CAVA, Girl Guiding, Rugby Sea Cadets, Royal Marine Cadets, Cruse, RNLI, and Myton Hospice.

The Mayor hoped everyone was looking forward to another memorable weekend, and invited all Members to join the celebrations and be a part of another chapter of our borough's proud history.

(c) Last month, the Mayor attended an open evening by the Rugby Male Voice Choir where they presented her with a cheque for £683.80 for her charity, Rugby Foodbank, from the proceeds at their Christmas concert. The Mayor thanked the choir for their kind donation.

(d) £740 was raised at the Mayor's Charity Bingo night on 21 April 2023 held at Rugby Railway Club. People also donated food items for the Foodbank. The Mayor was overwhelmed with the amount of generosity shown at the event and was grateful to everyone who attended.

(e) The Mayor recently visited Lisi Aerospace at Butlers Leap industrial estate to celebrate their eight year anniversary of achieving no lost time recordable accidents at their Rugby plant, something which had never been achieved in their group. The Mayor also received a tour of the factory to see the production process at the site. The Mayor congratulated everyone at the company on their achievement.

93. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions.

94. REPORT OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE – 28 FEBRUARY 2023

RESOLVED THAT – the report be confirmed and adopted.

95. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(a) Organisational Change Policy

Council considered the report of the Chief Executive (Part 1 – agenda item 7(a)) concerning a proposed organisation change policy.

RESOLVED THAT – the Organisational Change Policy 2023, as at Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted by the Council.

(b) Home Environment Assessment and Response Team (HEART) shared service contract extensions

Council considered the report of the Chief Officer – Communities and Homes (Part 1 – agenda item 7(b)) concerning an extension the HEART shared service contract.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Council agrees to enter into a further contractual partnership with HEART for 5 years from 1 April 2023; and
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer of Communities and Homes and the Chief Officer of Legal and Governance to determine the final contract terms.

(c) Update on the Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Planning Document 2012

Council considered the report of the Chief Officer – Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 7(c)) concerning an update on the Sustainable Design and Construction Supplementary Document 2012.

RESOLVED THAT - the Sustainable Design and Construction SPD 2012 be revoked and a statement be publicised on the Council's website confirming this.

(d) Councillor Learning and Development Policy

Council considered the report of the Chief Officer – Legal and Governance (Part 1 – agenda item 7(d)) concerning a proposed Councillor Learning and Development Policy.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Councillor Learning and Development Policy, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and
- (2) delegated authority be given to the Chief Officer for Legal & Governance, in consultation with political group leaders, to make any amendments.

96. NOTICES OF MOTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 11

There were no motions on notice to consider.

97. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

98. COMMON SEAL

It was moved by the Mayor, seconded by the Deputy Mayor and

RESOLVED THAT - the Common Seal be affixed to the various orders, deeds and documents to be made or entered into for carrying into effect the several decisions, matters and things approved by the Council and more particularly set out in the reports adopted at this meeting.

99. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT - under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

100. PRIVATE REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(a) Biart Place Development

Council considered the private report of the Chief Officer – Communities and Homes (Part 2 – agenda item 1(a)) concerning the development at Biart Place.

RESOLVED THAT – the supplementary capital budget for the scheme be revised, as outlined in paragraph 7 of the report, to be financed from existing Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) borrowing and the approved 3rd party grant.

(b) Corporate Strategy Delivery and Transformation Programme

Council considered the private report of the Chief Officer – Communities and Homes (Part 2 – agenda item 1(b)) concerning the resources for the of the Council's Corporate Strategy and transformation programme.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) The proposed secondment of the Corporate Assurance Manager and Transformation Lead for an initial period of 12 months be approved; and
- (2) the Chief Officer – Finance and Performance be given delegated authority to implement arrangements to ensure alternative management of the Corporate Assurance service for the initial 12 month period.

(c) Urgent Decision under Delegated Powers – Energy cost increase to recycling contract

Council considered the private report of the Chief Officer – Operations and Traded Services (Part 2 – agenda item 1(c)) concerning an urgent decision under delegated powers with regard to energy cost increases to the Council's recycling contract.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

(d) Urgent Decision under Delegated Powers – Rugby First Limited

Council considered the private report of the Chief Officer – Growth and Investment (Part 2 – agenda item 1(d)) concerning an urgent decision under delegated powers with regard to Rugby First Limited.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

MAYOR