

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL

8 FEBRUARY 2022

PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Brojohomun-Roberts), Councillors Mrs Allanach, Mrs A' Barrow, Bearne, Brader, Cade, Mrs Crane, Daly, Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Ellis, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Mrs Hassell, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Lewis, Lowe, Mahoney, Mrs Maoudis, Mistry, Mrs New, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Parker, Picker, Poole, Rabin, Ms Robbins, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Sandison, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Srivastava, Mrs Timms, Ms Watson-Merret and Willis.

80. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Brown, Eccleson, McQueen, Shera and Dr Williams.

81. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2021 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

82. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that the Council had marked the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's accession to the throne with a brief ceremony in Caldecott Park on Sunday 6 February. The Mayor looked forward to events being held in the borough during her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee year to celebrate her reign as the longest serving monarch in our history.

Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Cambridge was recently appointed patron of the Rugby Football Union and the Rugby Football League. On behalf of the Borough, the Mayor had written to the Duchess to congratulate her on this honour and had extended an invitation to her to visit the home and birthplace of the game.

83. QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

There were no questions.

84. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(a) Draft Housing Revenue Account Capital and Revenue Budgets for 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022-26

Council considered the report of the Chief Officer - Communities and Homes and Chief Officer – Finance and Performance (Part 1 – agenda item 6(a)) concerning the draft Housing Revenue Account capital and revenue budgets for 2022/23 and the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2022-26.

Councillor Mrs Crane informed the meeting that there had been a typographical error in recommendation 2 of the report. The job title referred to in the report should read 'Property Repairs Team Leader'. Councillor Mrs Crane then moved and Councillor seconded the following revised recommendation:

- (1) The draft revenue and capital budgets for 2022/23 and the updated medium term at Appendices A, B and C be approved inclusive of a 4.1% increase in rent and service charges as per section 4.2 of this report; and
- (2) approval be given to appoint a permanent Property Repairs Team Leader within the Property Repairs Team to be funded from existing budgets as detailed in section 5.1 of the report.

Councillor Roodhouse moved and Councillor Mrs New seconded the following amendment (amendment in italics):

- (1) The draft revenue and capital budgets for 2022/23 and the updated medium term at Appendices A, B and C be approved inclusive of a 4.1% increase in rent and service charges as per section 4.2 of this report;
- (2) approval be given to appoint a permanent Property Repairs Team Leader within the Property Repairs Team to be funded from existing budgets as detailed in section 5.1; and
- (3) *in light of the increased cost of living on residents, Rugby Borough Council commits to work with partners and agencies to raise awareness of the support available to residents who are experiencing hardship by running an information campaign promoting advice and support.*

Councillor Picker then moved and Councillor Rabin seconded an amendment to the proposed amendment (amended wording in bold italics):

- (1) The draft revenue and capital budgets for 2022/23 and the updated medium term at Appendices A, B and C be approved inclusive of a 4.1% increase in rent and service charges as per section 4.2 of this report;
- (2) approval be given to appoint a permanent Property Repairs Team Leader within the Property Repairs Team to be funded from existing budgets as detailed in section 5.1; and
- (3) *in light of the increased cost of living on residents, Rugby Borough Council will **continue its existing work** with partners and agencies to raise awareness of the support available to residents who are experiencing hardship. **To expand on this work Council undertakes to run** an information campaign promoting advice and support for those residents in need.*

The Mayor put the amendment to the amendment to the vote and declared it carried.

Further to debate, the Mayor put the substantive motion to the vote and declared it carried.

RESOLVED THAT –

(1) the draft revenue and capital budgets for 2022/23 and the updated medium term at Appendices A, B and C be approved inclusive of a 4.1% increase in rent and service charges as per section 4.2 of this report;

(2) approval be given to appoint a permanent Property Repairs Team Leader within the Property Repairs Team to be funded from existing budgets as detailed in section 5.1 of the report; and

(3) in light of the increased cost of living on residents, Rugby Borough Council will continue its existing work with partners and agencies to raise awareness of the support available to residents who are experiencing hardship. To expand on this work Council undertakes to run an information campaign promoting advice and support for those residents in need.

85. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

86. 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.

87. 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.

88. PRIVATE REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(a) Update to Getting Building Fund (GBF) Grant Award

Council considered the private report of the Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 1(a)) concerning an update concerning the Getting Building Fund grant award.

RESOLVED THAT -

(1) delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer to enter into a variation to the existing grant agreement with Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP); and

- (2) the grant funding award be reallocated from the Caldecott Square Project to the redevelopment of Biart Place.

MAYOR