

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

4 JUNE 2019

PRESENT:

At a special meeting of Rugby Borough Council held on 4 June 2019.

The Mayor (Councillor Lewis), Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Bearne, Brader, Mrs Brown, Brown, Butlin, Cade, Cranham, Miss Dumbleton, Eccleson, Ellis, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Leigh Hunt, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Long, Lowe, Mahoney, McQueen, Mistry, Mrs New, Pacey-Day, Mrs Parker, Picker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Sandison, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Srivastava and Mrs Timms.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Bragg, Crane, Douglas, Mrs O'Rourke, Shera and Stokes.

11. MINUTES

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 23 April 2019 and the Annual Meeting held on 16 May 2019 were approved and signed by the Mayor.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 5(a) of Part 1 – Rugby Borough Local Plan – Adoption of the Local Plan – Councillors Mrs Garcia and Miss Lawrence (non-pecuniary interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being Trustees of the Friends of St Cross).

Item 5(a) of Part 1 – Rugby Borough Local Plan – Adoption of the Local Plan – Councillor Lewis (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being ex-officio Honorary President of the Friends of St Cross in his capacity as Mayor of the Borough for 2019/20).

Item 5(a) of Part 1 – Rugby Borough Local Plan – Adoption of the Local Plan – Councillor Eccleson (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a Parish Councillor for Dunchurch).

Item 5(a) of Part 1 – Rugby Borough Local Plan – Adoption of the Local Plan – Councillors Brown and Srivastava (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being members of Brownsover Community Association).

Item 5(b) of Part 1 – Brandon and Bretford Neighbourhood Development Plan Decision Statement – Councillors Bearne and Poole ((non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being Ward Councillors).

Item 5(b) of Part 1 – Brandon and Bretford Neighbourhood Development Plan Decision Statement – Councillor Mrs Timms ((non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a member of the local Parish Council, a Warwickshire County Councillor and a member of the local Steering Group).

Item 6 of Part 1 – Review of Members’ Allowances Scheme – the Executive Director informed Council that all Members present had a pecuniary interest in this item. Each Member present had completed a dispensation form prior to the meeting and, in accordance with the Council’s Constitution, the Monitoring Officer had granted dispensation to those Members to speak and vote on the item.

13. MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reiterated his theme of ‘Respect’ for his mayoral year and urged Members to carry this out throughout the meeting.

14. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

(a) Rugby Borough Local Plan – Adoption of the Local Plan

Council considered the report of the Executive Director (Part 1 – agenda item 5(a)) concerning the proposed adoption of the Rugby Borough Local Plan.

Councillor Lowe moved and Councillor Mrs Simpson-Vince seconded the recommendation as set out in the report.

Councillor Roodhouse then moved and Councillor Sandison seconded that:

“The following two recommendations be added to the recommendation in the report and be renumbered accordingly:

- *Council recognises the Inspectors comments on Air Quality, Infrastructure requirements and on having an Integrated Transport Strategy and calls for a prioritisation of the needs on these issues with a review and report back to Council within 12 months setting out present and future actions that are set against a timescale.*
- *Council to also prioritise its commitment to the nature improvement areas as highlighted in the Inspector’s comments e.g Rainsbrook escarpment and Cawston Spinney.”*

Further to discussion, 3 members requested a recorded vote under Standing Order 3A Paragraph 15.4 on the proposed amendment.

For the motion:

Councillors Brader, Mrs Brown, Brown, Miss Dumbleton, Ellis, Lewis, Long, McQueen, Mistry, Mrs New, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Sandison and Srivastava – **14 votes**

Against the motion:

Councillors Mrs A’Barrow, Bearne, Butlin, Cade, Cranham, Eccleson, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Lowe, Mahoney, Pacey-Day, Picker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Mrs Simpson-Vince and Mrs Timms - **20 votes**

Abstentions from voting:

Councillors Leigh Hunt and Mrs Parker – **2 votes**.

The Mayor declared the amendment lost.

Following further debate on the substantive motion, 3 members requested a recorded vote under Standing Order 3A Paragraph 15.4 on the proposal.

For the motion:

Councillors Bearne, Brader, Mrs Brown, Brown, Butlin, Cranham, Ellis, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Leigh Hunt, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Lowe, Mahoney, Mistry, Pacey-Day, Picker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Srivastava and Mrs Timms – **22 votes**

Against the motion:

Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Cade, Miss Dumbleton, Eccleson, Lewis, McQueen, Mrs New, Mrs Parker, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse and Sandison - **13 votes**

Abstention from voting:

Councillor Long – **1 vote**.

The Mayor declared the substantive motion carried.

RESOLVED THAT - the Rugby Borough Local Plan 2011-2031 be adopted in accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and that this Local Plan supersedes the earlier policies as set out in Appendix C of the Schedule of Main Modifications. Full Council:

- a. adopts the Local Plan 2011 –2031, as contained in Appendix 4;
- b. adopts the Policies Maps to accompany the Local Plan as shown in Appendices 8a-e; and
- c. gives delegated authority to the Head of Growth and Investment to make further minor modifications to the Local Plan prior to it being published, where these modifications are confined to the correction of the attached Local Plan and policies maps, typographical errors, amendments to policy or paragraph reference numbers, and consequential cross referencing.

(b) Brandon and Bretford Neighbourhood Development Plan Decision Statement

Council considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1-agenda item 5(b)) concerning the Brandon and Bretford Development Plan Decision Statement.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the Brandon and Bretford Neighbourhood Development Plan be approved and adopted in accordance with section 38A(4)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended);
- (2) the decision notice required under regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 as amended be approved; and
- (3) both the Brandon and Bretford Neighbourhood Development Plan and the decision notice be published on the Council's website and publicised elsewhere in order to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry out business in the neighbourhood area; and for the decision notice to be sent to the qualifying body and anyone else who asked to be notified of the decision.

15. REVIEW OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

Council considered the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning a review of the Council's Members' Allowances Scheme.

RESOLVED THAT – the item be deferred until the next meeting of the Council to allow Members more time to consider the independent report.

MAYOR