

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

16 MARCH 2021

PRESENT:

The Mayor (Councillor W H Lewis), Councillors Mrs Allanach, Mrs A'Barrow, Bearne, Brader, Mrs Bragg, Mrs Brown, Brown, Butlin, Cade, Mrs Crane, Cranham, Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Eccleson, Ellis, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Lowe, McQueen, Mahoney, Mistry, Mrs New, Mrs O'Rourke, Mrs Parker, Picker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Roberts, Mrs Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Sandison, Shera, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Srivastava and Mrs Timms.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Pacey-Day.

90. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2021 were approved.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 1(a) of Part 2 – GLL Contract Provision – Councillor Mrs O'Rourke (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a member of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre).

Item 1(a) of Part 2 – Future Recycling Options: Procurement Update – Councillor Keeling (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of his employer being located near the site).

Item 1(a) of Part 2 – Future Recycling Options: Procurement Update – Councillor Mrs Timms (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being the Portfolio Holder for Environment at Warwickshire County Council).

Item 1(a) of Part 2 – GLL Contract Provision – Councillor Mrs New (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being an employee at a school which uses the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre).

Item 1(a) of Part 2 – GLL Contract Provision – Councillor Lewis (non-pecuniary interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of being a member of Rugby Sport for the Disabled).

92. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Members had been informed of the sad news that Past Mayor and former Councillor Evelyn Humphreys passed away earlier this month. Evelyn was Mayor of Rugby for the 1989/90 municipal year was a Councillor for the former Number 14 and Earl Craven Wards from 1975 to 1995.

All Members and officers joined the Mayor in a moment's silence in memory of Evelyn.

(b) Councillor James Shera had recently been conferred with the honour of two honorary doctorate degrees. The first was from the Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan in recognition of his services to Pakistan. The second was from Coventry University in recognition of his significant contribution to intercultural and interfaith harmony and multicultural education.

On behalf of the Council, the Mayor congratulated Councillor Shera on both of these accolades which recognised his commitment to the work he had and continued to do, as well as the positive impact this had had on people's lives both at a local and international level.

Councillors Mrs O'Rourke and Garcia also paid tribute to Councillor Shera's work.

(c) This week the number of Covid-19 cases in the over 60s in Rugby had dropped to just two cases in the last week of confirmed data. This was hugely encouraging news and an indication that the Pfizer and Astra Zeneca vaccines are safe, effective, and making a difference in our borough. As businesses prepared to reopen in line with the Government's roadmap, there was hope that life may return to something like normal soon. Nevertheless, all residents must remain disciplined and continue to follow the rules so that this encouraging trend can continue. The Mayor reminded all residents to continue with hands; face; space, and look forward to a brighter future soon.

(d) The census would take place on Sunday 21 March. The pandemic had highlighted just how important it was that health services and local authorities had up-to-date high quality data about their communities.

By completing their census forms all of Rugby's residents could help make sure that local public services were well funded and focused on the communities that we serve. Accurate data would mean that the Council is better able to work with residents to shape our communities and do what is right for Rugby.

93. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

The Executive Director informed the meeting that, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, no questions had been received.

94. REPORT OF CABINET – 1 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED THAT – the report be confirmed and adopted.

95. NOTICES OF MOTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 11

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, no motions on notice had been received for consideration.

96. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

97. 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.

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

It was moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor that -

“under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

Further to discussion, three members requested a recorded vote under Council Standing Order 3A Paragraph 15.4 on the motion.

For the motion: Councillors Mrs Allanach, Mrs A' Barrow, Bearne, Mrs Bragg, Butlin, Cade, Mrs Crane, Cranham, Douglas, Miss Dumbleton, Eccleson, Mrs Garcia, Gillias, Keeling, Miss Lawrence, Lewis, Lowe, McQueen, Mrs Parker, Picker, Poole, Ms Robbins, Mrs Roberts, Roberts, Roodhouse, Mrs Roodhouse, Sandison, Mrs Simpson-Vince and Mrs Timms – **29 votes**

Against the motion: Councillors Brader, Mrs Brown, Brown, Ellis, Mahoney, Mistry, Mrs O'Rourke, Shera and Srivastava – **9 votes**

Abstentions from the motion: Councillors Mrs New – **1 vote**

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

99. PRIVATE REPORT OF CABINET – 1 MARCH 2021

(1) GLL Contract Provision

Council considered paragraph 1 of the private report of Cabinet of 1 March 2021 concerning contract provision with GLL.

Councillor Douglas moved and Councillor McQueen seconded that a separate vote be taken on this item. The Mayor put the proposal to the vote and declared it carried.

Further to discussion, the Mayor put the recommendation of Cabinet to the vote and declared it carried.

RESOLVED THAT – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

(2) World Rugby Hall of Fame

Council considered paragraph 2 of the private report of Cabinet of 1 March 2021 concerning the World Rugby Hall of Fame.

Councillor Douglas moved and Councillor McQueen seconded that a separate vote be taken on this item. The Mayor put the proposal to the vote and declared it carried.

Further to discussion, the Mayor put the recommendation of Cabinet to the vote and declared it carried.

Councillors Douglas and Lewis then requested that, in accordance with paragraph 15.5 of Council Standing Orders, their individual votes be recorded in the minutes:

Councillor Douglas – against the motion

Councillor Lewis – against the motion

RESOLVED THAT – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

(3) Establishment of Framework Management Agreement

Council considered paragraph 3 of the private report of Cabinet of 1 March 2021 concerning the establishment of a framework management agreement.

Councillor Douglas moved and Councillor McQueen seconded that a separate vote be taken on this item. The Mayor put the proposal to the vote and declared it carried.

Further to discussion, the Mayor put the recommendation of Cabinet to the vote and declared it carried.

RESOLVED THAT – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

(4) Future Recycling Options: Procurement Update

Council considered paragraph 4 of the private report of Cabinet of 1 March 2021 concerning a procurement update on future recycling options.

Councillor Sandison moved and Councillor Mrs Allanach moved an amendment which had been circulated to all Members and was shown at the meeting.

Further to debate, the Mayor put the amendment to the vote and declared it lost.

Councillor Douglas moved and Councillor McQueen seconded that a separate vote be taken on this item. The Mayor put the proposal to the vote and declared it carried.

Further to discussion, the Mayor put the recommendation of Cabinet to the vote and declared it carried.

RESOLVED THAT – the recommendation of Cabinet be approved.

100. PRIVATE REPORT OF OFFICERS

(a) Development Agreement – ‘Getting Building Fund’ grant

Council considered the private report of the Executive Director (Part 2 – agenda item 2(a)) concerning a development agreement for the ‘Getting Building Fund’ grant.

RESOLVED THAT –

(1) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director and Monitoring Officer to negotiate and agree the final detailed terms of the grant agreement as detailed in the report; and

(2) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director and Monitoring Officer to negotiate the grant agreement with the Developer subject to final agreement by Council.

MAYOR