

COUNCIL – DECISION NOTICE

18 February 2021

Present:-

Councillors S Barker (Chair), J Trail (Vice-Chair), H Ackland, M Asvachin, Y Atkinson, S Aves, K Ball, J Berry, F Biederman, R Bloxham, J Brazil, J Hook, J Brook, C Channon, I Chubb, C Chugg, J Clatworthy, P Colthorpe, A Connett, P Crabb, R Croad, A Davis, A Dewhirst, A Eastman, R Edgell, R Gilbert, B Greenslade, G Gribble, R Hannaford, J Hart, J Hawkins, L Hellyer, J Hodgson, G Hook, R Hosking, S Hughes, T Inch, A Leadbetter, J Mathews, J McInnes, B Parsons, R Peart, P Prowse, R Radford, S Randall-Johnson, S Russell, P Sanders, A Saywell, R Scott, D Sellis, M Shaw, C Slade, M Squires, P Twiss, N Way, C Whitton, C Wright and J Yabsley

Apologies:-

Councillors I Hall

2 **Minutes**

The Chair of the Council **MOVED** and it was duly **SECONDED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2020 be signed as a correct record.

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

8 **Revenue Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 - 2024/25 and Capital Programme 2021/22 - 2025/26**

The **MOTION** in the name of Councillor Hart was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

9 Pay Policy Statement 2021/2022

The Leader of the Council **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the recommendations of the Appointments, Remuneration and Chief Officer Conduct Committee be approved and that the Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22 (and consequential changes to the Council's Constitution) as set out at Minute 82 of that Committee be endorsed and the Constitution amended accordingly.

The motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

11 Minutes

In accordance with Standing Order 13(2), the Chair of the Council **MOVED** and it was duly **SECONDED** that the Minutes of the undermentioned meetings of Committees be endorsed.

Development Management Committee	-	2 December 2020
Appeals Committee	-	7 December 2020 & 1 February 2021
Appointments, Remuneration and Chief Office Conduct Committee	-	20 January 2021
Procedures Committee	-	2 February 2021

(including Minute 101 endorsing the freezing of Members Allowances and Minute 102 and the associated amendments to Part 5(c) of the Constitution (Financial Regulations))

Children's Scrutiny (ordinary meeting)	-	25 January 2021
Health & Adult Care Scrutiny (ordinary meeting)	-	26 January 2021
Corporate Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Scrutiny (ordinary meeting)	-	28 January 2021

The Motion was put to the vote and declared **CARRIED**.

12 Armed Forces (Minute 331 of 3 December 2020)

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that Notice of Motion be welcomed and the following actions be approved.

That Council

(a) notes the work to date of Officers and the Council's Armed Forces Covenant (AFC) Lead Member in terms of their involvement in and contribution to the Consultation about the forthcoming legislation to enshrine the Armed Forces Covenant in Law and that Officers and the Council's AFC lead Member continue to work with "Forces Connect

South West” (consortium of SW Councils) on matters concerning AFC including Commonwealth Veterans;

(b) welcomes this impending legislation and will act upon its requirements as soon as has become enshrined in law;

(c) recognises the situation regarding Commonwealth Veterans and therefore asks the Leader to write to Kevin Foster MP (Minister for Immigration) and Johnny Mercer MP (Minister of State for Veteran Affairs) asking that Commonwealth members of the Armed Forces be given adequate guidance on the steps required to obtain legal immigration status in Britain ahead of leaving their Service, in particular,

(i) that a longer period for application for leave to stay (12 - 18 months rather than currently the case where this must happen before or immediately upon leaving service);

(ii) during this period, they have the same rights that they had when in Service, e.g. register with GP, find work, apply for assistance from Local Authorities. (i.e. Housing); and

(iii) that the process of immigration in these cases is sped up with fair and affordable administrative charges.

(d) continues to implement and apply policies that support former Armed Forces personnel and reservists as well as understanding the issues that veterans, reservist and their family members face and continue to work towards ‘Gold’ status in the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme, with improving the provisions of career based and personal support even more; and

(e) ask the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee to consider the issues in more depth, building on its previous task group work relating to the Armed Forces Covenant

The amendment in the name of Councillor Hart was then put to the vote and declared **CARRIED** and subsequently thereafter also **CARRIED** as the substantive motion.

13 Loneliness and Isolation (Minute 332 of 3 December 2020)

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that Council support and promote the actions outlined in [Devon's Charter to End Loneliness'](#).

The amendment in the name of Councillor Hart was then put to the vote and declared **CARRIED** and subsequently thereafter also **CARRIED** as the substantive motion.

14 Children's Social Workers (Minute 333 of 3 December 2020)

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that Council support the recent Cabinet proposals to improve the recruitment and retention of qualified social workers in Devon. The amendment in the name of Councillor Hart was then put to the vote and declared **CARRIED** and subsequently thereafter also **CARRIED** as the substantive motion.

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 18 February 2021 and will come into force and implemented 5 working days after the publication of the decisions unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

15 Rural Proofing (Minute 334 of 3 December 2020)

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that the Council (a) await the publication of the Government report and when this is issued, review accordingly and provide a Devon County Council response, using the Notice of Motion to help guide that response, seeking input from partner organisations and evidence where relevant, highlighting the rural opportunities and challenges across a number of service areas; (b) note the issues previously identified by the Council that require addressing in relation to rural proofing; and (c) to follow up, as appropriate, on any matters arising. The amendment in the name of Councillor Hart was then put to the vote and declared **CARRIED** and subsequently thereafter also **CARRIED** as the substantive motion.

16 Climate Change and Fossil Fuel Projects (Minute 335 of 3 December 2020)

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that Council take the following action in response to the Notice of Motion. (a) whilst supporting the objectives of facilitating international trade and assisting viable UK export businesses, this Council shares the concern highlighted by the Notice of Motion about the environmental consequences of UK trade finance support directed towards the fossil fuel sector; and therefore (b) calls on Government to accelerate the

change in policy and approach through UK Export Finance to achieve consistency with the international commitment to tackle climate change as well as the UK's own net zero carbon target and the recently published Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution. The amendment in the name of Councillor Hart was then put to the vote and declared CARRIED and subsequently thereafter also CARRIED as the substantive motion.

17 Public Sector Pay (Minute 336 of 3 December 2020)

Councillor Hart MOVED and Councillor McInnes SECONDED that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that Council; (a) recognises and is very appreciative of the work of the Local Government workforce in response to the Pandemic and also believes it is important to try to maintain pay parity across the public sector and with the NHS; (b) notes there are specialist areas within the Local Government workforce where professional shortages significantly impact on service delivery, such as teachers, social workers, engineers and solicitors and a decline in the pay and conditions of the public sector workforce will not help with recruitment and retention and the perceived value society puts on the local government; and (c) through the Leader of the Council, will write to Devon MP's to request they encourage proposals which support pay parity, to ensure that the Public Sector is held in equal value and doesn't fall behind the NHS. The amendment in the name of Councillor Hart was then put to the vote and declared CARRIED and subsequently thereafter also CARRIED as the substantive motion.

18 The British Horse Society - Dead Slow Campaign (Minute 337 of 3 December 2020)

Councillor Hart MOVED and Councillor McInnes SECONDED that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that Council take the following action. (a) work with local communities, through partnerships with other agencies, and on-line to support the BHS in urging drivers to be very careful when passing horses on the road, and for them to adhere to its Dead Slow campaign messages; (b) join with the BHS to encourage all riders and horse owners to report their incidents to the charity at horseincidents.org.uk; (c) undertake a study of the detailed data from the BHS of the reported equestrian incidents

within the county; and (d) use the results of the study to identify any problem areas and patterns for signing intervention to improve driver awareness and to target education. The amendment in the name of Councillor Hart was then put to the vote and declared CARRIED and subsequently thereafter also CARRIED as the substantive motion.

19 Election Voting System

In accordance with Standing Order 6(6) the Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Cabinet for consideration.

20 Elections - Campaigning

In accordance with Standing Order 6(6) the Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Cabinet for consideration.

21 Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

In accordance with Standing Order 6(6) the Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Cabinet for consideration.

22 Beach Breaks, Mental Health and Support of Initiatives

In accordance with Standing Order 6(6) the Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Cabinet for consideration.

23 Sustainable future funding for Local Welfare Assistance

In accordance with Standing Order 6(6) the Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Cabinet for consideration.

24 Use of Neonicotinoids

In accordance with Standing Order 6(6) the Notice of Motion was referred, without discussion, to the Cabinet for consideration.