

COUNCIL – DECISION NOTICE

6 October 2022

Present:-

Councillors Y Atkinson, S Aves, J Bailey, F Biederman, J Bradford, P Bullivant, C Channon, R Chesterton, I Chubb, A Connett, D Cox, P Crabb, R Croad, A Davis, A Dewhurst, R Gilbert, G Gribble, I Hall (Chair), R Hannaford, J Hart, M Hartnell, L Hellyer, P Henderson, J Hodgson, S Hughes, A Leadbetter, C Leaver, P Maskell, D McGeough, J McInnes, J Morrish, S Parker-Khan, R Peart, P Prowse (Vice-Chair), R Radford, S Randall-Johnson, L Samuel, P Sanders, A Saywell, R Scott, D Sellis, C Slade, M Squires, D Thomas, P Twiss, C Whitton, M Wrigley and J Yabsley

Apologies:-

Councillors T Adams, M Asvachin, D Barnes, J Berry, J Brazil, J Brook, H Gent, J Hawkins, F Letch MBE, I Roome and J Wilton-Love

1 Minutes

The Chair of the Council **MOVED** and it was duly **SECONDED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2022 be signed as a correct record.

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

7 Update on Race Equality Progress

The Leader of the Council **MOVED** and Councillor Croad **SECONDED** that the recommendations of the Cabinet (Minute 208 referred) be endorsed.

Councillor Connett then **MOVED** and Councillor Wrigley **SECONDED** that the motion be amended to include repeating the training event and that attendance at this and subsequent training be required, as outlined below.

(a) that the progress on race equality made throughout 2022 be noted;

(b) that the planned next steps to further advance race equality and commit to a 'zero tolerance' approach to racism be supported; and

(c) that attendance at the elected Member Masterclass on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion 'Legal and Moral Duties' on 23rd November 2022 (**session to be repeated**) and **subsequent events** be **required**. encouraged.

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

9 **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	-	27 July & 21 September 2022
Appeals Committee	-	5 September 2022
Procedures Committee	-	20 September 2022 <i>(including approval of Minute 26 and the proposed amendment to Standing Orders relating to a second / casting vote with regard to election of Chair)</i>
Audit Committee	-	27 September 2022
Investment & Pension Fund Committee	-	4 October 2022
Children's Scrutiny	-	6 September 2022
Corporate Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Scrutiny	-	22 September 2022
Health & Adult Care Scrutiny	-	28 September 2022

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

10 **Building on Devon County Council Owned Brown-field Land to provide Homes for Devon (Minute 130 - 21 July 2022)**

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that Council;

- (a) note the number of affordable housing units across Devon which the Council's land has enabled over the past five years;
- (b) confirm that in the short to medium term (3-5 years) the Council does not have plans to dispose of County Hall;
- (c) endorse the approach to review the use of DCC assets as part of the Council's financial sustainability programme to identify opportunities for the provision of (in particular) DCC key worker accommodation;
- (d) note the continuing work of the Devon Housing Task Force and DCCs involvement in this; and
- (e) support the inclusion of strategic DCC farm land in relevant local plan allocations (including land at Markham's and Manor Farm) as part of the Council's work to support housing provision across the County

whilst ensuring that farm holdings remain viable and where possible land is replenished (subject to financial resources being available) to maintain the Farms Estate at c10k acres.

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

11 **Impact of Changes to Pension Age (made at short notice) on Women Born in the 1950s (Minute 131 - 21 July 2022)**

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that the Leader of the Council writes to each of the Devon Members of Parliament and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions supporting the July 2021 findings of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman; highlighting the impacts on women in Devon and urging the Government to offer compensation as a matter of urgency.

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.

12 **Sewage Discharges and Impacts on Wildlife and Public Health (Minute 132 - 21 July 2022)**

(Councillor Hart declared a Personal and Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this matter by virtue of being in dispute with South West Water and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration).

Councillor McInnes **MOVED** and Councillor Hughes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that as reflected by the Notice of Motion Council;

(a) recognises the unacceptable extent of storm overflow discharges into Devon's watercourses and coastal waters and the huge public concern relating to these and the wider impacts of water pollution on public health and wildlife; and

(b) urges all those with a specific role, including South West Water, the Environment Agency, Ofwat and central government, to pursue relevant action to adequately address this problem.

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

13 Bus Passes

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

14 Housing White Paper

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

15 Funding for Local Government

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

16 Second Homes and Council Tax Premium

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

17 Pedestrian Priority in Highways Policies

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

18 Environmental Protections

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

19 Glyphosate Use on all Council Owned Land

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