

## COUNCIL – DECISION NOTICE

8 December 2022

### Present:-

Councillors T Adams, M Asvachin, D Barnes, J Berry, J Bradford, J Brazil, J Brook, P Bullivant, C Channon, I Chubb, A Connett, D Cox, R Croad, A Davis, A Dewhirst, R Gilbert, G Gribble, I Hall (Chair), J Hart, J Hawkins, P Henderson, J Hodgson, S Hughes, A Leadbetter, F Letch MBE, P Maskell, D McGeough, J McInnes, R Peart, P Prowse (Vice-Chair), R Radford, S Randall-Johnson, I Roome, L Samuel, A Saywell, R Scott, D Sellis, C Slade, P Twiss, C Whitton, J Wilton-Love, M Wrigley and J Yabsley

### Apologies:-

Councillors S Aves, F Biederman, R Chesterton, P Crabb, H Gent, R Hannaford, M Hartnell, L Hellyer, C Leaver, P Sanders, M Squires and D Thomas

Councillors Atkinson and Bailey in remote attendance

### **1** Minutes

The Chair of the Council **MOVED** and it was duly **SECONDED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2022 be signed as a correct record.

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

### **8** 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.

Appeals Committee - 3 October & 7 November 2022

Appointments, Remuneration & - 13 October 2022, 11 November & 24 November 22

Chief Office Conduct Committee

*(including formal approval of minute 45 relating to leadership arrangements in Children's Services and minute 49 relating to the approval of Donna Manson to the post of Chief Executive)*

Public Rights of Way Committee - 3 November 2022

Standards Committee - 17 November 2022

Investment & Pension Fund - 25 November 2022

Audit Committee - 29 November 2022

Children's Scrutiny - 15 November 2022  
Health & Adult Care Scrutiny - 22 November 2022  
Corporate Infrastructure & - 24 November 2022  
Regulatory Services Scrutiny

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

\* **9**      **Endorsement of DCS (Interim)**

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hart, **SECONDED** by Councillor McInnes that the appointment of Julian Wooster as Director of Children's Services (Interim) for the Council be endorsed.

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

**10**      **Bus Passes (Minute 145 - 6 October 2022)**

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that the County Council keeps the time of free travel the same for all eligible residents as now – from 0930 Monday to Friday.

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.

**11**      **Housing White Paper (Minute 146 - 6 October 2022)**

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that Council notes the issues raised and will continue to work as part of the Devon Housing Task Force.

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**      **Funding for Local Government (Minute 147 - 6 October 2022)**

*(Councillor Roome declared a personal interest in this matter by virtue of being an employee of the NHS)*

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

(a) supports the LGA and CCN in calling for the earliest possible resumption of the Government's Fair Funding Review to ensure that the true costs of delivering public services particularly in rural areas are properly funded and the needs of all our communities – rural, coastal and urban – are met;

(b) supports the LGA and CCN in calling on Government to ensure this year's Local Government Settlement recognises the unprecedented pressures on the sector so that Councils are adequately funded to protect public services;

(c) calls on Government to delay the charging reforms to adult social care services, and to reinvest funding earmarked for these proposals in local government to help ease the pressures on social care;

(d) calls on Government to rebalance funding between health and social care, by allocating more of the £13bn committed to tackling the NHS backlog to Councils who can work with NHS partners to invest in preventative social care and help ease the pressure on our hospitals; and;

(e) calls on Government to urgently approve the Council's Safety Valve Intervention Fund proposal or provide temporary respite by rolling the Dedicated Schools Grant deficit forward a further year.

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 Second Homes and Council Tax Premium (Minute 148 - 6 October 2022)**

Councillor Hart indicated that he was prepared to accept an amendment from Councillor Brazil therefore **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** 'that as soon as legislation allows the County Council ~~will ask~~ **would support** each of the District Councils to give consideration to adding the Council Tax premium on second homes to their Council Tax schemes'.

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

**14 Pedestrian Priority in Highways Policies (Minute 149 - 6 October 2022)**

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that Council recognises that the safety of pedestrians and vulnerable road users is paramount in the planning, delivery, operation and maintenance of highway infrastructure and the planned review of the Local Transport Plan should be used to reinforce the hierarchy of users.

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.

**15**      **Environmental Protections (Minute 150 - 6 October 2022)**

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that the County Council writes to the Secretary of State for the Environment to highlight:

- (a) the concerns about the currently perceived policy threats to nature;
- (b) the importance of strong environmental protection alongside other statutory considerations to achieve our strategic aim of supporting sustainable and inclusive economic prosperity that improves the health and wellbeing of our residents; and
- (c) that careful streamlining of the delivery of regulatory requirements, rather than their weakening or removal, is the most effective way of ensuring that environmental interests do not cause inappropriate delay or constraint to future growth.

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**      **Glyphosate Use on all Council Owned Land (Minute 151 - 6 October 2022)**

Councillor Hart **MOVED** and Councillor McInnes **SECONDED** that the Cabinet's advice be accepted and that in line with its adopted Environmental Policy, County Council services should only use glyphosate if absolutely necessary, where practical alternatives are not available.

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

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**17**      **Istanbul Convention to Prevent and Combat Violence against Women and Girls and Article 59.**

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

**18**      **Supporting Devon's Children - Ending a Decade of Despair**

Councillor Brazil requested that the Motion be postponed, to which the Council **AGREED** (in line with Standing Order 6(4)).

**19**      **Stop Shortchanging Devon - Save our Services**

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

**20**      **Voter Photo ID requirement**

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

**21**      **Voter ID**

This Motion submitted by Councillor Bailey was dealt with under minute 171.