

## **FULL COUNCIL**

**22 APRIL 2021**

### Present:

Cllrs Austen, Bradford, Bullivant, Clarence, Colclough, Connett, D Cox, H Cox, Daws, Dewhurst, Evans, Goodman-Bradbury, Gribble, Haines, Hayes, Hocking, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffery, Jeffries, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Nuttall, Parker-Khan, Parker (Vice-Chair), Patch, Peart, J Petherick (Chair), L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor, Thorne and Wrigley

### Apologies:

Cllrs Cook, Eden, Foden, Jenks, Orme and Tume

### Officers in Attendance:

Head of Place & Commercial Services  
Economic Development Officer Town Centres  
Senior Estates & Development Surveyor  
Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services  
Trainee Democratic Services Officer  
Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer  
Managing Director  
Administrative Assistant  
Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer

## **27. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2021 were approved as a correct record and will be signed at a later date.

## **28. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair informed Members that there was a link to the HRH Duke of Edinburgh's book of condolence on the Council website and announced that sadly two former Councillors Jane Stovin and Richard Bassett had recently passed away.

The Chair reported that thanks to the large donation from an anonymous resident, the Chair's charity, the East Teignbridge Community Transport Association, had now been able to purchase much needed a new vehicle.

The Chair congratulated Mr Ollie Watkins, formerly of Decoy Primary School and South Devon Community College, Ashburton and Exeter Football Club who has been selected to play football for England.

**29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**30. PUBLIC QUESTION**

Public question and response are attached to minutes.

In response to the supplementary question, the Executive Member stated that she would provide a response in writing at a later date.

**31. RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE - NOTICE OF MOTION - TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK THAT THE VOLUNTARY AND CHARITABLE SECTOR DO PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY DURING THE CURRENT CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.**

It was proposed by the Leader and seconded by Cllr G Hook that the recommendation be approved.

Cllr G Hook commented that it was important to acknowledge the work that the voluntary and charitable sector do particularly but not exclusively during the Coronavirus pandemic.

A roll call was taken (see voting sheet).

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) The Council places on record its gratitude to all sectors of the voluntary and charitable sector for the outstanding work undertaken within the District, particularly but not exclusively during the current Coronavirus pandemic;
- (2) The Council acknowledges the work of many organisations, communities and individuals who have contributed at this uniquely difficult time, and the Communications Team are asked to place a message of thanks on the Council's website to recognise this;
- (3) The Council look, when restrictions regarding the pandemic are relaxed, at the request that Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider ways in which this council may work even more constructively with the sector in the future; and
- (4) A thank you event be agreed in principle. The Executive Member for Homes and Communities with officers explore how this event could be held and how nominations be made and report back to a future Council meeting.

### **32. RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE - FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND**

It was proposed by the Executive Member for Economy and Jobs and seconded by Cllr Bullivant that the recommendation be approved.

The Head of Place and Commercial Services gave a presentation on the project (attached to the minutes).

Cllr Patch proposed an amendment that the wall be retained at the back of the Alexandre Theatre and the integrity of the theatre as a performance space be maintained, this was seconded by Cllr Colclough.

A roll call was taken on the amendment (see voting report), the amendment was lost.

On a further roll call (see voting report), it was:-

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) The National Cycle Route 2 proposals (as per paragraph 2.3 of the report) and associated Council budget (excluding external funding) of £22,633 be approved;
- (2) The Queens Street proposals (as per paragraph 2.4 of the report) and associated Council budget (excluding external funding) of £81,277 be approved;
- (3) The Market Hall proposals (as per paragraph 2.5 of the report) and associated Council budget (excluding external funding) of £2,236,486 be approved;
- (4) The Council budget (excluding external funding) of £991,921 for the cinema (as per paragraph 2.6 of the report) be approved; and
- (5) Delegated authority be given to the Head of Place and Commercial Services (in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Jobs and Chief Finance Officer) to finalise the development details and prepare planning applications in line with the timescales set out in Appendix E to this report and to take such other action as is necessary to implement the approved redevelopment of Newton Abbot town centre to which the approved funding scheme relates.

### **33. RECOMMENDATION FROM STANDARDS COMMITTEE - NEW LGA MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

It was proposed by the Chair of Standards Committee and seconded by the Executive Member for Corporate Resources that the recommendation be approved.

A roll call was taken (see voting report).

**RESOLVED** that the new LGA model code of conduct be adopted.

#### **34. PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

The Leader presented his report on the new Procedures Committee and proposed the recommendations, this was seconded by the Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health.

The Leader of the Opposition, Cllr Bullivant, supported the formation of this new committee.

**RESOLVED (with no votes against)** that:-

- (1) A Procedures Committee be established and the Constitution be amended as follows:

##### Section 3.11A Procedures Committee

3.11A.1 Membership: The committee comprises the following elected councillors:

- (a) The Chair of Council (who will Chair the Committee);
- (b) All Group Leaders;
- (c) Two additional members from each Group (who are appointed at Annual Council) provided that the Group comprises 10% or more of the Council full membership;

and any member may be substituted if a committee member is unable to attend.

3.11A.2 Areas of Work:

- (a) To review the operation of the Constitution, its Standing Orders, conventions and working practices;
- (b) To oversee the Councils programmes for member development/training; and
- (c) To make recommendations to the Council on its Scheme of Members' Allowances.

- (2) The political balance requirements for this Procedures Committee shall not apply.

#### **35. NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Chair proposed that as Cllr Eden was not present her Notice of Motion be deferred to the next meeting of Full Council, this was seconded by Cllr D Cox.

**RESOLVED** that the Notice of Motion be deferred to the next meeting of Full Council.

#### **Voting Report**

Attached.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 1.05 pm.

Chair