

FULL COUNCIL

5 SEPTEMBER 2023

Present:

Councillors Atkins, Bradford, Bullivant, Buscombe, Clarence (Chair), D Cox (Vice-Chair), H Cox, Daws, Farrand-Rogers, Foden, Gearon, Goodman-Bradbury, Hall, Hayes, Hook, Jackman, James, Jeffries, Keeling, Lake, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nuttall, Palethorpe, C Parker, P Parker, Parrott, Purser, Radford, Rogers, Rollason, Ryan, Sanders, Smith, Steemson, G Taylor, J Taylor, Williams and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors Dawson, Henderson, Nutley, Peart, Swain and Thorne

Absent:

Councillor Webster

Officers in Attendance:

Chris Braines, Waste & Cleansing Manager

William Elliott, Climate Change Officer

Kay Fice, Scrutiny Officer

Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services

Tammy Hayes, Housing Solutions Lead, Housing Options

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

Fergus Pate, Economy and Delivery Manager

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Phil Shears, Managing Director

Paul Woodhead, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer to the Council

40. MINUTES

It was proposed by the Leader and seconded by the Executive Member for Corporate Services that the minutes of the meeting of 25 July 2023 be approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of 25 July 2023 be approved and were signed as a correct record by the Chair.

41. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised of the civic events he had attended.

The Leader announced that Members had received a presentation from Devon County Council on the possible Devolution deal for Devon. The Leader apologised for unintentionally misleading the Chamber at the last Council

meeting that to his knowledge Dawlish Town Council did not have coffee/tea at their council meetings when they do.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hook declared an interest in respect of minute no.45 – Rent Subsidies – as she was a Director of Newton Abbot Community Interest Company whom leased the Buckland Community Centre and would leave the meeting when this item was considered

Cllr Hall declared an interest in respect of minute no.45 – Rent Subsidies – as he was the Newton Abbot Town Council's representative on Newton Abbot Community Interest Company he would take part in the debate but would not vote.

Cllr Wrigley declared an interest in respect of minute no.45 – Rent Subsidies – as he attended Newton Abbot Community Interest Company meetings he would take part in the discussion and vote.

43. FUNDING FOR A382 IMPROVEMENTS

The Executive Member for Planning proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Leader.

Cllr Macgregor proposed an amendment that the Council's one-million-pound contribution be caveated that there was no further descoping of the cycle and pedestrian improvements along the full length of the scheme between Drumbridges and Newton Abbot. This was seconded by Cllr Mullone, put to the vote, and lost.

The substantive motion was put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) Approve a contribution of £1,000,000 towards the A382 road improvements between Newton Abbot and Drumbridges roundabout; and
- (2) Delegate authority to the Head of Place and Commercial Services to complete a funding agreement with Devon County Council associated with the contribution and take such other actions as may be necessary to make the payment.

44. HOMES FOR UKRAINE SPEND REPORT

The Leader proposed the recommendation this was seconded by the Executive Member for Teignbridge T100, put to the vote and carried unanimously.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) Approve expenditure of grant funding as outlined in this report; and
- (2) Delegate authority to the Housing Needs Lead to ensure appropriate delivery of the scheme, in accordance with the grant conditions, for future funding.

45. RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE - RENT SUBSIDIES

Cllr Hook left the meeting for consideration of this item.

The Executive Member for Corporate Services proposed the recommendation. This was seconded by the Executive Member for Homes & Communities, put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the rent subsidy policy be reviewed, and
- (2) pending the outcome of that review and in the interim those organisations that were in receipt of a rent subsidy as at 31st March 2023, be permitted to apply for a further 12 month period of subsidy.

Cllr P Parker did not vote as he was not present for the whole debate.

46. THE REPLACEMENT AND DECARBONISATION OF THE COUNCIL'S VEHICLE FLEET

Cllr Daws left the meeting before consideration of this item.

The Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste & Environmental Health proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Executive Member for Climate Change, Coastal Protection, Flooding & Trees.

47. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair proposed, seconded by the Vice-Chair that because of the financially sensitive information to be discussed the Council go into Part II session and exclude the press and public. This was carried.

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

48. THE REPLACEMENT AND DECARBONISATION OF THE COUNCIL'S

VEHICLE FLEET

Cllrs Jeffries and Steemson left the meeting during the debate on this item.

Members discussed the details of the report.

49. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 - INCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Leader proposed that the meeting continue with the press and public present. This was seconded by the Executive Member for Climate Change, Coastal Protection, Flooding & Trees, put to the vote and carried.

50. THE REPLACEMENT AND DECARBONISATION OF THE COUNCIL'S VEHICLE FLEET

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That the vehicle fleet is replaced as detailed in Option 4 of the circulated report, with all suitable small, medium, and large vans switching to Battery Electric Vehicles, and the required Large Goods Vehicles remaining as diesel units.

(2) That Hydrogenated Vehicle Oil is not introduced as a replacement fuel but options around its use, and other potential alternative fuels, continue to be actively considered in relation to our carbon reduction pathway.

51. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Cllrs Morgan, H Cox, James and Williams left before consideration of this item.

Cllrs Goodman-Bradbury, C Parker and Rollason, left during consideration of this item.

Councillors' questions and the responses are attached to the minutes.

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 12.58 pm.

Chair