

COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

on Thursday, 20th April, 2017 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillor David Griffiths in the Chair;

Councillors Lee Anderson, Jim Aspinall, Chris Baron, Rachel Bissett, Ben Bradley, Tony Brewer, Amanda Brown, Tim Brown, Cheryl Butler, Steve Carroll, Don Davis, Joanne Donnelly, Helen Hollis, Tom Hollis, Jackie James, John Knight, Rachel Madden, Cathy Mason, Glenys Maxwell, Lauren Mitchell, Keir Morrison, Lachlan Morrison, Mick Murphy, Nicolle Ndiweni, Christine Quinn-Wilcox, Paul Roberts, Kevin Rostance, Phil Rostance, Robert Sears-Piccavey, Helen-Ann Smith, Mike Smith and Jason Zadrozny.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Christian Chapman and Sam Wilson.

Officers Present: Lynn Cain, Ruth Dennis, Katherine Green, David Greenwood, Robert Mitchell and Julie Robinson.

In Attendance: Paul Parkinson.

C.66 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non Disclosable Pecuniary/Other Interests

There were no declarations of interest made.

C.67 Minutes

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 16th February and 27th February, 2017, as now submitted, be received and approved.

C.68 Announcements from the Chairman, Leader, Members of the Cabinet and the Head of Paid Service

Chairman

"I have one announcement to make regarding Related Party Transactions:-

Members will recall receiving an e-mail asking them to complete a Related Party Transactions Form for the year 2016/17, from Sharon Lynch, Corporate Finance Manager on 30th March. This information is required as part of

producing the Council's Annual Accounts. The Government has determined that in future, our accounts will need to be finalised earlier than in the past. The deadline for the return of the forms was 14th April.

In case Members have mislaid the form, or wish to complete their form tonight, Dave Greenwood has a stock of blank forms. Any Member wishing to complete one tonight can see Dave at the end of this meeting. If you have any questions about the form, Dave is happy to give advice on its completion.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.”

C.69 Questions from the Public

There were no questions received from the public.

C.70 Petitions

No petitions were received for consideration.

C.71 Appointment of a Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

Council was requested to consider the appointment of the Corporate Finance Manager as the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) in line with statutory requirements.

Councillors Chris Baron, Ben Bradley, Cheryl Butler, Jackie James, John Knight and Jason Zadrozny took the opportunity to express their thanks and gratitude for the sterling work undertaken by David Greenwood (the Council's Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) and current S151 Officer), who would be leaving the Authority at the end of May 2017.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Corporate Finance Officer be designated as the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer) from the 1st June, 2017 in line with statutory requirements;
- b) it be noted that the job title for the Corporate Finance Manager may be liable to change as part of an imminent review but the post will retain the S151 responsibilities as designated by Council.

Reason:

To ensure the Council meets its statutory requirements.

(During consideration of this item, Councillor Tom Hollis entered the meeting at 7.09 p.m.)

C.72 Appointment to Outside Body

Council was requested to consider an appointment to an outside body.

RESOLVED

that Councillor Chris Baron be re-appointed as the Council's representative on the Byron Charity – Hucknall for the term ending 30th April, 2020.

C.73 Recommendations from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 2(ix), Council considered recommendations from the following:-

Minute No. CA.91 (b) & (c)
Cabinet – 23rd March, 2017
Commercial Property Investment Strategy

RESOLVED that

- a) a ring-fenced investment fund of £10m to invest in property investments that have been evaluated to provide a suitable rental return on the capital investment, be created;
- b) approval be given to create the investment fund of £10m in addition to the Capital Programme.

Minute No. CA.92
Cabinet – 23rd March, 2017
The Council's Treasury Management Strategy

RESOLVED that

- a) any capital receipts from assets where Option 4 Depreciation Method for Minimum Revenue Provision is used, be earmarked for the repayment of debt liability;
- b) the Treasury Management Strategy Statement as set out in Section 4 of the Cabinet report, be approved;
- c) the Prudential Indicators, as set out in Section 5 of the Cabinet report, be approved.

Minute No. SP.20
Standards and Personnel Appeals Committee – 27th March, 2017
Performance Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) Guidance –
Criteria, Absences – Excused and Unexcused

RESOLVED

that the IRP Guidance to Council, as presented to Council, which includes 'exceptional circumstances' to be assessed at the discretion of the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Member's Group Leader as part of the criteria for excused absences for purposes of the Performance SRA, be approved.

Minute No. CC.11
Charities Committee – 5th April, 2017
Trust Funds

RESOLVED that

- a) the Authority, as trustee, exercises its transfer power as set out in section 268 of the Charities Act 2011, to transfer the funds from the William Booth Charity for the Poor to Community Food Bank Kirkby Woodhouse;
- b) the permanent endowment, currently held by the trust, be liquidated as part of this transfer so that the funds can be transferred as a whole;
- c) the Chief Finance Officer and Assistant Chief Executive (Governance) be authorised to carry out all necessary actions to implement the Council's decision.

(During consideration of the recommendations as presented, Councillors Lee Anderson, Jim Aspinall and Robert Sears-Piccavey left the room at 7.40 p.m., 7.46 p.m. and 7.50 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 7.45 p.m., 7.49 p.m. and 7.52 p.m. respectively. Councillor Tom Hollis also left the room at 7.52 p.m.)

C.74 Notice of Motion

The Council received a notice of motion moved by Councillor Lauren Mitchell and seconded by Councillor Jim Aspinall as follows:-

“This council notes:

- *1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem in any given year.*
- *The World Health Organisation predicts that depression will be the second most common health condition worldwide by 2020.*
- *Mental ill health costs some £105 billion each year in England alone.*
- *People with a severe mental illness die up to 20 years younger than their peers in the UK.*
- *There is often a circular relationship between mental health and issues such as housing, employment, family problems or debt.*

This council believes:

- *As a local authority we have a crucial role to play in improving the mental health of everyone in our community and tackling some of the widest and most entrenched inequalities in health.*
- *Mental health should be a priority across all the local authority's areas of responsibility, including housing, community safety and planning.*
- *All councillors, whether members of the Executive or Scrutiny and in our community and casework roles, can play a positive role in championing mental health on an individual and strategic basis.*

This council resolves:

- *To sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Providers Forum, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds.*
- *We commit to appoint an elected member as 'mental health champion' across the council.*
- *We will seek to identify a member of staff within the council to act as 'lead officer' for mental health.*
- *The council will also:*
- *Support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces.*
- *Work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community.*
- *Work with local partners to offer effective support for people with mental health needs.*
- *Tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community.*
- *Proactively listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health."*

During the debate, Councillor Jim Aspinall, as seconder to the motion, moved an amendment to designate Councillor Lauren Mitchell as the Council's mental health champion. This was duly seconded by Councillor Ben Bradley and accepted by Councillor Mitchell as mover of the original motion.

Having been fully debated, the motion was then put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED

that the Council agrees to

- a) sign the Local Authorities' Mental Health Challenge run by Centre for Mental Health, Mental Health Foundation, Mental Health Providers Forum, Mind, Rethink Mental Illness, Royal College of Psychiatrists and YoungMinds;
- b) appoint Councillor Lauren Mitchell as 'mental health champion' across the Council;
- c) seek to identify a member of staff within the Council to act as 'lead officer' for mental health;
- d) support positive mental health in our community, including in local schools, neighbourhoods and workplaces;
- e) work to reduce inequalities in mental health in our community;
- f) work with local partners to offer effective support for people with mental health needs;
- g) tackle discrimination on the grounds of mental health in our community;

h) proactively listen to people of all ages and backgrounds about what they need for better mental health.

(During consideration of the motion, Councillor Tom Hollis returned to the meeting at 8.00 p.m.)

C.75 Questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13

There were no questions submitted by Members.

C.76 Questions received in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.2 – In Relation to Cabinet and Committee Meeting Minutes published since the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Council

There were no questions submitted by Members.

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm

Chairman.