

Minutes of a meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 1000 hours.

### **PRESENT:-**

Members:-

Councillor T. Munro in the Chair

Councillors A. Anderson, P. Barnes, P. M. Bowmer, G. Buxton, T. Cannon, J. A. Clifton, T. J. Connerton, M.G. Crane, S.W. Fritchley, H.J. Gilmour, A. Joesbury, D. McGregor, C. R. Moesby, B.R. Murray-Carr, K. Reid, J. E. Smith, P. Smith, S. J. Statter, E. Stevenson, A. M. Syrett, R. Turner, K.F. Walker, B. Watson, D.S. Watson and J. Wilson.

Officers:-

D. Swaine (Chief Executive Officer) L. Hickin (Strategic Director - People), K. Hanson (Strategic Director - Place), V. Dawson (Solicitor – Team Manager – Contentious and Deputy Monitoring Officer), D. Clarke (Joint Head of Service – Finance and Revenues & Benefits) and N. Calver (Governance Manager).

### **0757. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T. Alexander, J. E. Bennet, R.J. Bowler, C. P. Cooper, P. A. Cooper, M. Dixey, M. J. Dooley, R. Heffer, S. Peake and M. J. Ritchie.

### **0758. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Deputy Monitoring Officer offered advice to the Council reminding Members of the requirement for all Councillors who were tenants of a Council property to declare an interest in respect of item 9 (Level of Council Tax 2019/20) and explained the automatic dispensation to remain in the room, speak and vote.

The Deputy Monitoring Officer reminded Members that each Councillor had an exemption for a disclosable pecuniary interest in the Level of Council Tax as residents of the District, as District Councillors, Parish Councillors or County Councillors. For this interest, Members need not declare.

Councillor J. E. Smith declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in in item 9 (Level of Council Tax 2019/20) as a tenant of a Council property.

### **0759. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council, Councillor T. Munro reminded Members that the Civic Service would be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3pm at St. Lawrence's Church, Whitwell. Also, he asked Members to note that a Fashion Show would be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at Shirebrook Village Hall and that a Charity Ball would be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019, tickets and information was available from the Civic Team. All events were to raise funds for the Chairman's Charity - IVenture 2019.

### **0760. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8 Members of the Public were able to ask questions to an Executive Member about the Council's activities for a period of up to 15 minutes.

No questions were submitted to this meeting of Council under Rule 8 of the Council Procedure Rules.

### **0761. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 Members of Council were able to ask questions about the Council's activities to either the Chair of the Council, Chairman of a specific Committee or a relevant Portfolio Holder.

No questions were submitted to this meeting of Council under Rule 9 of the Council Procedure Rules.

### **0762. MOTIONS**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 Councillors were able to submit Motions on Notice for consideration at meetings of Council.

No Motions on Notice were submitted by Members to this meeting of Council under Rule 10 of the Council Procedure Rules.

### **0763. REPORTS ON URGENCY ITEMS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE**

When appropriate, meetings of Council were to receive a report from the Executive detailing any Key Decisions taken under special urgency provisions or Key Decisions exempt from Call-in.

There were no urgency decisions to report to this meeting of Council.

**0764. RECOMMENDED ITEMS**

There were no items recommended for consideration at this meeting of Council.

**0765. LEVEL OF COUNCIL TAX 2019/20**

Members gave consideration to a report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Sustainable Energy which recommended the approval of the Levels of Council Tax for the 2019/20 financial year. The Localism Act 2011 required all Billing Authorities to calculate a Council Tax requirement each year. The approved amount on the Collection Fund in respect of Bolsover District Council was £3,875,302.

In order to calculate the Council Tax requirement for Bolsover District Council at the relevant bands, the demand of Derbyshire County Council, the Police Authority, the Fire Authority and local Parish Councils had been taken into account. The table at paragraph 1.5 to the report set out the levels of Council Tax for the year for each of the categories of dwellings.

The report requested approval by Council for the precepts of the relevant Public Authorities operating in the Bolsover District area in order for Council to agree the Council Tax liability for local residents in respect of 2019/20.

In line with the provisions set out within the Councils Constitution, a recorded vote was taken (where matters affecting of the Council's budgets or where Council Tax is considered).

For the Motion – 26

*(Councillors A. Anderson, P. Barnes, P. M. Bowmer, G. Buxton, T. Cannon, J. A. Clifton, T. J. Connerton, M.G. Crane, S.W. Fritchley, H.J. Gilmour, A. Joesbury, D. McGregor, C. R. Moesby, T. Munro, B.R. Murray-Carr, K. Reid, J. E. Smith, P. Smith, S. J. Statter, E. Stevenson, A. M. Syrett, R. Turner, K.F. Walker, B. Watson, D.S. Watson and J. Wilson).*

Against the Motion – 0

Abstentions – 0

Moved by Councillor B. Watson and seconded by Councillor A. M. Syrett

**RESOLVED** that

1. the Council Tax for the financial year 2019/20 as set out in the report be approved;
2. as set out in section 1.6 of the report, officers be authorised to undertake the intended duties in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1997; and
3. the Section 151 Officer be given Delegated Authority to authorise any amendments to the list of names given in 1.6 of the report as may prove necessary through the course of the financial year.

(Section 151 Officer)

**0766. JOINT EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE AND JOINT APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Members were minded to defer consideration of the Terms of Reference of the Joint Employment Committee and the Joint Appeals Committee to a future meeting of Council pending further consideration by the Standards Committee and Union consultation in order to provide some clarification on how these committees would operate.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor A. M. Syrett

**RESOLVED** that Terms of Reference of the Joint Employment Committee and the Joint Appeals Committee be deferred for consideration by Council pending consideration by the Standards Committee and Unions.

(Monitoring Officer)

**0767. BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL'S APPRENTICESHIPS**

Members welcomed Sara Gordon, Human Resources and OD Manager, to the meeting along with some of the Council's Apprentices to give a short presentation on the Apprenticeship Reform and the successes of the Apprentices employed by the Authority.

Members noted that the Joint Apprenticeship Framework was in place at both Bolsover District Council and North East Derbyshire District Council and that all new Apprenticeship posts were paid at the National Living Wage. In 2017/18 12 Apprenticeships had commenced of which five were existing staff, three were new posts and four were created by the Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF).

In 2018/19 Bolsover District Council's Apprenticeship starts were almost double the targets set at 23, with 18 being existing staff, one new Apprentice post and four created under the WNF.

Four Apprentices were in attendance at the meeting and spoke to Members about their posts and the qualifications they had achieved or were currently undertaking.

It was noted that the Council aimed to recruit, retain and develop high performing Apprentices together with effective succession planning and building organisational capacity and diversity.

When questioned it was confirmed that no upper age limit applied to Apprenticeship positions and that each position was evaluated for its sustainability within the Council prior to recruitment, including creating career pathways. It was advised that a number of Apprentices undertaking courses in areas of work covered by Housing Services (such as bricklaying and electricians) were employed by Chesterfield College outside of this scheme but worked for the Authority.

The Leader of the Council congratulated the Apprentices the work they had completed so far and the progress against their qualifications and wished them well in their successful careers.

Moved by Councillor A. M. Syrett and seconded by Councillor T. Munro

**RESOLVED** that the presentation be noted.

(HR and OD Manager)

#### **0768. CHAIRMANS CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chairman invited the Leader of the Council to address the meeting. Councillor A. M. Syrett registered the thanks of Members to Dawn Clarke, Joint Head of Finance and Resources and Section 151 Officer, for the work undertaken on the behalf of the Authority over her time at Bolsover District Council. All Members concurred with the congratulations and wished her well with her career going forward.

The meeting concluded at 10:33 hours.