

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 10:30 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Tom Munro in the Chair

Councillors Rita Turner (Vice-Chair), David Bennett, Anne Clarke, Rowan Clarke, Amanda Davis, Mary Dooley, Will Fletcher, Louise Fox, Steve Fritchley, Justin Gilbody, Duncan Haywood, Rob Hiney-Saunders, Mark Hinman, Cathy Jeffery, Chris Kane, Lucy King, Tom Kirkham, Duncan McGregor, Clive Moesby, Sandra Peake, Lisa Powell, Jeanne Raspin, John Ritchie, Phil Smith, Janet Tait, Ashley Taylor, Catherine Tite, Ross Walker, Vicky Waplington, Deborah Watson, Carol Wood and Jane Yates.

Officers:- Karen Hanson (Chief Executive), Jim Fieldsend (Service Director Corporate and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer), Theresa Fletcher (Service Director Finance & Section 151 Officer), Pam Brown (Service Director Executive, Governance and Partnerships), Victoria Dawson (Assistant Director of Housing Management and Enforcement), Grant Galloway (Chief Executive – Dragonfly Developments), Amy Bryan (Governance and Civic Manager).

CL16-22/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Donna Hales, Sally Renshaw, Emma Stevenson and Jen Wilson.

CL17-22/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

CL18-22/23 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair had no announcements to make.

CL19-22/23 MINUTES

It was noted that in the list of those Councillors present Councillor Hinman's first name needed to be inserted, so it read "Mark Hinman".

Moved by Councillor Duncan McGregor and seconded by Councillor Deborah Watson **RESOLVED** that the minutes of a meeting of Council held on 8th March 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

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CL20-22/23 HOUSING OPTIONS MANAGER POST

The Assistant Director of Housing Management and Enforcement presented a report which sought approval for the creation of a permanent Housing Options Manager. The report also sought an increase of the General Fund revenue budget for the costs associated with the establishment of the permanent post.

The report explained that the Assistant Director of Housing Management and Enforcement was seeking to create a permanent Housing Options Manager to lead the Homelessness Team. Recently, there had been a significant increase in the volume of homelessness cases. The complexity of cases had also increased, which meant they took more time to consider, process, explain and record. The new post would provide more capacity and experience to investigate cases to ensure applications were genuine and that robust decisions were made.

The post had been through job evaluation and had been determined as Grade 9. With on-costs this role had a starting cost of £53,967, which would be met through the General Fund.

Moved by Councillor Sandra Peake and seconded by Councillor David Bennett

RESOLVED that (1) a new full time permanent Housing Options Manager be added to the establishment;

(2) a revenue budget increase of £53,967 to the General Fund be approved.

(HR Business Partner/Service Director of Finance & Section 151 Officer)

CL21-22/23 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH - PRESENTATION

This item had been withdrawn. There would be an induction session for Councillors on Environmental Health on 12th June 2023.

CL22-22/23 CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair had no closing remarks.

The meeting concluded at 11:01 hours.