

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2013, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor F Broadley - Mayor

Councillor Mrs S A Dickinson – Deputy Mayor

Councillors: L Bentley, G Boulter, J Boyce, Mrs L Broadley, D Carter, Miss M Chamberlain, M Charlesworth, Mrs E Connell, L Darr, B Dave, Mrs L Eaton, R Eaton, D Gamble, Mrs J Gore, Mrs R Kanabar, J Kaufman, Mrs L Kaufman, Mrs H Loydall, K Loydall, P Swift and R Thakor.

Officers in Attendance: M Hall, Mrs A Court, J Dickson, I Dobson

Others in Attendance: Mr G Smith

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38.	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Mrs S Haq, R Morris and Mrs S Morris</p>	ID
39.	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>None</p>	
40.	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on 3 September 2013 be taken as read, confirmed and signed. 2. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 24 October 2013 be taken as read, confirmed and signed. 	ID ID
41.	<p><u>MOTIONS ON NOTICE</u></p>	

	None.	
42.	<p><u>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u></p> <p>The Council noted events attended by the Mayor within report page 9.</p> <p>The Mayor announced that Development Control Committee scheduled for 2 January 2014 would be moved to 16 January 2014.</p>	
43.	<p><u>PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS</u></p> <p>None.</p>	
44.	<p><u>PRESENTATION TO GEOFFREY SMITH ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION SHINGLE</u></p> <p>The Mayor paid tribute to Geoffrey Smith and explained that commemorations of the 70th anniversary of the rescue of survivors of HMS Spartan off the coast of Anzio, Italy would be marked by the presentation of a letter and plaque to the Mayor of Anzio by Geoffrey Smith.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council offered his best wishes to Geoffrey Smith and expressed the Council's admiration and gratitude for all that Mr Smith had endured in the service of his Country.</p>	
45.	<p><u>LEADER'S STATEMENT</u></p> <p>The Leader of the Council addressed Members making two main points. Firstly, he noted that Leicestershire County Council were facing a 30% reduction in spending over the next 4 years, which would impact upon the surrounding districts. He went on to say that the decisions of the County Council could present new challenges for the Borough Council.</p> <p>Secondly, the Leader spoke about the need to provide housing in view of an ever expanding population. He went on to say that the Direction For Growth is Council Policy, which he has supported at public meetings. He emphasised that it is right that Members continue to fulfil their roles as ward Councillors and represent residents concerns about issues such as development. The Leader emphasised to Members that without such a Policy, a significant number of residents could be affected by unwanted development. It was acknowledged that not enough homes were being built in line with need, due to limitations of existing infrastructure with the Borough. The</p>	

	<p>Leader reminded Members that a key aspect of maintaining control over development is to make progress in respect of the Council's duty to co-operate with other districts and stakeholders, which may mean making concessions but will offer overall protection against unacceptable development.</p> <p>Councillor K Loydall raised concerns about the way in which the Community Safety Partnership is funded since arrangements changed upon the Police and Crime Commissioner coming into office. He went on to request that a cost benefit analysis is carried out in relation to Leicestershire County Council's Troubled Families initiative to ensure that it is cost efficient to the Borough.</p> <p>In response to concerns raised about the way in which the Community Safety Partnership is funded, the Leader of the Council confirmed that the point would be raised at the next meeting of the Police and Crime Panel.</p> <p>In response to the point about Troubled Families, the Leader reminded Members that the Council is currently in discussions about how to become more customer focussed. He went on to say that it is important that families that require support are identified through the mainstream Council services so that support can be sustained when the Troubled Families initiative comes to an end in 2017.</p>	
<p>46.</p>	<p><u>INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Corporate Resources, as set out in report pages numbered 10 to 12, which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Electoral and Democratic Services Officer updated Members on some of the key points in relation to individual electoral registration, which can be summarised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electors will be required to register individually rather than by household. • The extra processes are likely to result in significant extra costs, which the Cabinet Office have committed to funding during the transition. • There are key risks involved in the transition, particularly in relation to funding post 2016 when the Cabinet Office have not committed to providing further funding; and also in reliance on online systems that 	

	<p>have not yet been tested during election periods.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the report be noted. 2. a Member briefing session be arranged to provide an opportunity to discuss the impact of the transition to IER on electors and the Council. 	
<p>47.</p>	<p><u>REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Corporate Resources, as set out in report pages numbered 13 to 14, which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Electoral and Democratic Services Officer confirmed that notice of the review would be given on 5 December 2013, in the event of Members approving the programme as set out in the report.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That Members approve the programme for a review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places for the Borough but that the scheme is confirmed at the Council meeting on 25 February 2014.</p>	
<p>48.</p>	<p><u>ADOPTION OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS POLICY</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Corporate Resources, as set out in report pages numbered 15 - 30, which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Policy be adopted and come into effect on 1 January 2014 and be reviewed again after a maximum of three years.</p>	
<p>49.</p>	<p><u>MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME 2013/14</u></p> <p>Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Corporate Resources, as set out in report pages numbered 31 to 32, which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Electoral and Democratic Services Officer confirmed that</p>	

	<p>the Council is satisfied that the Members Allowance Scheme remains valid despite an error in the printed advert of the scheme for 2013-14.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the special responsibility allowance for the Standards Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman be clarified as relating to an elected Member and not an independent person.</p>	
50.	<p><u>MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES, FORUMS AND WORKING GROUPS</u></p> <p>The Chief Executive provided an update about the recent burglary at the Council Offices, where damage was caused to the payment kiosk and a small amount of coinage was stolen. Members were reassured that the damage was covered by an insurance policy and works to repair the building would be carried out in due course. It was noted that there would be a delay to the repair due to the Council Offices being a listed building, but in any event, the building had been secured.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of the Committees, Forums and Working Groups as set out in the agenda papers, be received</p>	ID
51.	<p><u>COMMON SEAL</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to all contracts, orders, deeds and other documents arising out of the Minutes and Reports in the foregoing items.</p>	
52.	<p><u>REPORTS OF MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES</u></p> <p>None.</p>	

The Meeting Closed at 7.59 p.m.