

COUNCIL
22nd March 2012

PRESENT – The Mayor; Councillors Baldwin, Carson, Cossins, Coultas, Crudass, Curry, Dixon, Donoghue, Francis, Galletley, Grundy, Harker, Harman, C. L. B. Hughes, L. Hughes, Hutchinson, Johnson, Kelley, Knowles, Landers, Lawton, Lee, Lewis, Lister, Long, D. A. Lyonette, J. M. Lyonette, Macnab, Maddison, McEwan, Newall, Nutt, Regan, E. A. Richmond, S. Richmond, A. J. Scott, Mrs. H. Scott, Stenson, C. Taylor, J. Taylor, Thistlethwaite, J. Vasey, Wright and York. (45)

APOLOGIES – Councillors Copeland, I. Haszeldine, L. Haszeldine, B. Jones, Mrs. D. Jones and Wallis. (6)

54. MINUTES – Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of this Council held on 26th January and 1st March 2012.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as correct records.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

56. ORDER OF SEALING DOCUMENTS – Presented – The Register showing the documents which had been sealed since the last meeting of Council.

57. ANNOUNCEMENTS – (1) Deaths of former Councillor Mrs. Norma Town and Chris Bainbridge – The Mayor reported on the death of former Councillor, Norma Town, who passed away on 1st March 2012 and referred to Norma’s years of service, and roles on the Council.

The Mayor also highlighted the death in service of Chris Bainbridge, who died unexpectedly on 11th March 2012. Mr. Bainbridge was latterly employed by this Council as a Management Information Officer in the Performance and Improvement Team, however he had worked for the Council for just under 27 years (see also Minute 59(1) below.

As a mark of respect, Members held a short silence for former Councillor Norma Town, and Chris Bainbridge.

(2) Councillor Copeland – The Mayor informed Members that Councillor Copeland was recuperating at home following a recent illness.

RESOLVED – That the best wishes of the Council be conveyed to Councillor Copeland for a speedy recovery to good health.

58. QUESTIONS – TO ANSWER QUESTIONS (WHERE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN) FROM – (1) The Public – There were no questions from members of the public.

(2) Members to Cabinet/Chairs – There were no questions from Members, where notice had been given, for the Mayor, Members of the Cabinet, or the Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees.

(3) Members to the Nominated Member of the Police Authority in accordance with Section 20 of the Police Act 1996 – There were no questions from Members, where notice had been given, to the nominated Member of the Police Authority, in accordance with Section 20 of the Police Act 1996.

59. COUNCIL REPORTS – (1) Death in Service - The Director of People submitted a report (previously circulated) on the recent death in service of Chris Bainbridge, Management Information Officer based in the Performance and Improvement Team, Services for People. The submitted report stated that Mr. Bainbridge had died unexpectedly on 11th March 2012, whilst on holiday with his wife.

RESOLVED – (a) That the recent unexpected death of Chris Bainbridge, a valued and respected employee of the Council for almost 27 years, be noted.

(b) That the actions of the Council in conveying sympathy to Chris’ family, and the support offered from Human Resource Services, be noted.

REASON – To inform Members of a recent death in service.

(2) Pay Policy – The Director of Resources submitted a report (previously circulated) about recent proposals and changes to Pay Policy and pay data publication requirements, and outlined the proposed policy for Council approval.

He stated that there had recently been three new or amended requirements to pay policy and pay data publication requirements as a result of The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011, The Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency published by the Department for Communities and Local Government; and Openness and accountability in local pay: Guidance under section 40 of the Localism Act issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The submitted report stated that the Localism Act required the Council to agree a written pay policy for 2012/13, and a proposed policy was appended to the submitted report for Council approval.

RESOLVED – That the proposed Pay Policy, as appended at Appendix A of the submitted report, be agreed, and published accordingly.

REASON – To comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011.

60. CABINET REPORTS – (1) Overview Reports of Cabinet Members – The Leader and Cabinet Members each gave a report (previously circulated) on the main areas of work undertaken under their relevant portfolio during the previous cycle of meetings.

Cabinet Members answered questions on their portfolios.

(2) Cabinet Urgent Decisions – The Corporate Management Team submitted a report (previously circulated) detailing six decisions taken by Cabinet as a matter of urgency and to which the procedure for call-in could not be applied.

The submitted report outlined the procedures to be followed if decisions were taken under the Urgency Rule and the Special Urgency Rule.

RESOLVED – That the urgent decisions taken by Cabinet be noted.

REASON – To comply with the Council’s Constitution.

61. SCRUTINY REPORTS – OVERVIEW REPORTS – The five Scrutiny Committee Chairs each gave a report (previously circulated) on the main areas of work undertaken by their relevant Scrutiny Committee during the last cycle of Committee meetings.

62. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES – There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.