

## **DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL**

At an **Ordinary Meeting** of the County Council held in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 19 October 2022** at **10.00 am**

**Present:**

### **Councillor B Bainbridge in the Chair**

Councillors M Abley, E Adam, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, C Bell, R Bell, C Bihari, G Binney, J Blakey, D Boyes, D Brown, L Brown, J Charlton, I Cochrane, J Cosslett, B Coult, R Crute, M Currah, T Duffy, K Earley, J Elmer, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, D Freeman, J Griffiths, O Gunn, D Hall, C Hampson, A Hanson, K Hawley, P Heaviside, T Henderson, S Henig, J Higgins, L A Holmes, C Hood, A Hopgood, L Hovvels, D Howarth, J Howey, C Hunt, G Hutchinson, A Jackson, M Johnson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Kay, B Kellett, L Kennedy, C Lines, L Maddison, R Manchester, C Marshall, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, B McAloon, S McDonnell, M McGaun, D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, J Miller, P Molloy, D Mulholland, D Nicholls, J Nicholson (Vice-Chair), R Ormerod, E Peeke, R Potts, P Pringle, J Purvis, J Quinn, S Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, S Robinson, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, A Savory, E Scott, P Sexton, K Shaw, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson, G Smith, T Smith, M Stead, W Stelling, A Surtees, D Sutton-Lloyd, P Taylor, F Tinsley, S Townsend, C Varty, E Waldock, M Walton, A Watson, M Wilkes, M Wilson, D Wood and R Yorke

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Bell, J Cairns, J Chaplow, S Deinali, K Fantarrow, D Oliver, T Stubbs, S Wilson and S Zair

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chair reported with regret the death of the former Councillor John Wilkinson. John represented the Deerness Ward on Durham City Council between 2007 and 2009 and the Deerness Valley Electoral Division on Durham County Council between 2008 and 2013. John was also Mayor of Durham in 2012/13. Members stood to stand for a moments silence out of respect to John.

### **1 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2022 were confirmed by the Council as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in relation to any items of business on the agenda.

## **3 Chair's Announcements**

The Chair informed Council that since the last Council meeting she had attended several events, including the following:

- an Honorary Freedom Ceremony on 27 September 2022 which admitted Miss Meghan Borthwick as an Honorary Freewoman of the City of Durham in recognition of her services to Women's Football in the City of Durham;
- on 13 October she hosted a lunch for retiring co-optees from Scrutiny Committees who, between the three of them, had contributed 24 years' service in their co-optee role.

Colourful artworks created by young adults who need additional support had gone on show as part of a free exhibition. The 'We Can We Will', by The Wider World Project, would be displayed at Gala Gallery in Durham City until Friday 30 December. The exhibition followed months of art workshops led by North East artist Dawn Felicia Knox, which had been held at Gala Durham, Wharton Park and Belmont Community Centre since May. The project had been funded by Durham County Council.

Locations throughout County Durham had been celebrating after winning honours in the Royal Horticultural Society Northumbria in Bloom competition.

- Durham City won gold in the Small City category
- Sedgefield won gold in the Small Towns category
- Stanley claimed the silver gilt to win the Large Towns section with Chester le Street taking silver in the same category
- Seaham took gold in the Coastal Resort group
- Belmont was awarded silver for Urban Community
- Gilesgate Primary School took home the Best School honour
- Stanley Park Care Home scooped Best Care Home.
- Durham BID won Best Town Centre Retail Area.
- Seaham Town Park and Wharton Park were both awarded gold in the Best Park section.
- Grade II-listed Ceddesfeld Hall, in Sedgefield, took gold in the Best Grounds of a Hospital, University or Public Building category, while Belmont Allotments won Best Allotment.
- The Just for Women Centre in Stanley meanwhile won Best Commercial Premises (Small).

Finally, the Chair was pleased to report that Durham County Council had won the Best Innovation or Demand Management Initiative Award at the Association for Public Service Excellence Awards for its mobile repairs system app, which had been developed in-house initially for the Council's building repairs and maintenance teams. The Council was also a finalist in the categories of Best Climate Action or Decarbonisation Initiative; Best Commercialisation and Entrepreneurship Initiative; Best Efficiency and Transformation Initiative; Best Service Team: Facilities Management and Building Cleaning Service; Best Service Team: Housing, Construction and Building Service and Overall Council of the Year in Service Delivery.

The Chair and Council congratulated all staff involved in the achievement of these awards.

#### **4 Leader's Report**

Councillor A Hopgood, Leader of the Council reported that after the summer recess and the pause in some work following the death of Her Majesty The Queen last month, the Council was now facing a particularly busy time.

Discussions were taking place with the LA6 authorities and the government regarding a potential devolution deal. The Secretary of State had asked the Council to advise him by Friday 14 October of whether it wished to join the LA6 devolution arrangements. The Leader confirmed that the Council had agreed 'in principle' that it would like to work with the LA6 authorities to create a regional deal.

This was an 'in-principle' decision and subject to further ongoing discussion with regional colleagues and the government. Any deal would also be subject to consideration by Cabinet prior to consultation. The primary aim was to ensure the best possible deal for the people of County Durham and that is what the Council would be working to achieve during these conversations.

The Council had submitted a bid to the government to create two Investment Zones within the County.

The bid put forward Aykley Heads and NETPark as potential sites. Both had a clear focus on innovation and the creation of high values jobs. Becoming an Investment Zone would help secure additional private sector investment and create supply chain opportunities for other businesses in the county.

Finally, many residents across the county were feeling the impact of rising fuel prices and the cost-of-living crisis. This month, the Council launched its

Warm Spaces scheme, which would provide a network of safe and trusted places where people could go to keep warm during the colder weather. As well as providing Warm Spaces within some of the Council's own buildings, work was also taking place with County Durham Community Foundation to provide financial and practical support to voluntary and community groups to provide venues.

This was just one example of a wide range of support the Council provided, including help to pay heating and energy bills, the Welfare Assistance Scheme and debt advice.

The Council was also proposing to extend the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for a further year. The scheme provided a 100 per cent discount on council tax payments to all financially vulnerable households. Details of all these initiatives were available on the County Council's website and the Leader asked Members to share the link with anyone who may need support.

Councillor C Marshall asked the Leader of the Council to explain why she had changed her mind on her approach to devolution and was proposing to take a rural county into a city focused regional deal, rejecting the Government's offer from a year ago to put County Durham's interest first in agreeing a single County deal. Councillor Marshall also asked whether the Leader would commit to calling an extraordinary Council meeting in November to enable all Members to debate and vote on a preferred position.

Councillor Hopgood replied that there was currently no secret deal but clarified that there was a need for confidentiality in such matters. There had been no change of mind and what was the best option for County Durham was of paramount importance. Councillor Marshall had been invited to a meeting last week where these details could have been provided.

With reference to Councillor Marshall's request in terms of calling an extraordinary meeting with Members the Council was following the protocol and the process that was set down by Government on all devolution deals and was following the same process as any other local authority.

Councillor Marshall did not consider he had received a full answer to his question because he had requested an extraordinary meeting of Council in November so all Members of the Council could debate this properly, openly and transparently.

Councillor Hopgood reiterated that the Council was following the process that was set out. The process was that a report would be brought to Cabinet and which Councillor Marshall was welcome to attend.

Councillor R Crute sought guidance from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services on how an extraordinary meeting of the Council could be called to discuss, in principle, the options open to the Council in proceeding with a devolution deal. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services replied that she could call an extraordinary meeting, the Chair could call an extraordinary meeting, a resolution of Council could call an extraordinary meeting and there was provision for any five Members to call an extraordinary meeting. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reiterated that in order to enter into a devolution process and to establish a combined authority there was a statutory process to be followed with decision making points at various stages of that statutory process.

Councillor F Tinsley referred to the Leaders report and asked whether the consultation with regional partners included the 520,000 people who lived in County Durham. Councillor Tinsley also asked whether the Leader had taken into consideration that in 2004 the people of the northeast were asked if they would like to enter into a regional assembly and at that point 77% of them said no.

Councillor Hopgood replied that consultation was currently with regional colleagues and government. Consultation would take place and this was a different scenario to the proposed regional assembly in 2004.

Councillor O Gunn asked whether the Leader thought it was in the interests of the Councils democracy to inform adjacent local authority Leaders of the preference of a deal for Durham and not inform the Leader of the Labour Group with 55 Members.

Councillor Hopgood replied that the Leader of the Labour Group had been invited to meetings previously about this.

Councillor M McKeon expressed concern that any transport money would be spent on the Tyne and Wear Metro for which County Durham had no involvement with and sought an assurance that County Durham would not lose out on funding as a result of this.

Councillor Hopgood confirmed that as things stood with the Joint Transport Committee, both County Durham and Northumberland had no contributions whatsoever to the Metro. An LA7 deal would also include Northumberland which was predominantly rural and Gateshead which, although a metropolitan city, had a lot of rural area.

Councillor Kay asked whether the current amount of £147m for transport in County Durham would be lost if Durham entered into a regional deal with the LA6. Councillor Hopgood replied that this was not the case.

## **5 Questions from the Public**

A question had been received from Mr Moore about the park at The Wynd, Pelton.

The questioner was unable to attend the meeting, but the Cabinet Portfolio Holder would respond to the question in writing following the meeting, and the response would be posted on the Council's website.

## **6 Petitions**

There were no petitions for consideration.

## **7 Report from the Cabinet**

The Council noted a report from the Cabinet which provided information on issues considered at its meeting held on 14 September 2022 (for copy see file of Minutes).

## **8 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2023/24**

The Council considered a report of the Corporate Director of Resources that sought approval for the continuation of the current Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for a further year into 2023/24, which would continue the protection afforded to all claimants in line with what their entitlement would have been under the former Council Tax Benefit system (for copy see file of Minutes).

In moving the report and recommendations Councillor R Bell, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Finance informed Council that in agreeing the proposals Durham would remain the only council in the north east to have a scheme which continued to provide support equal to that which was available under the former Council Tax Benefit scheme.

The scheme targeted support to those who needed it most. However, it must be recognised that this came at a cost in terms of lost Council Tax revenue compared with virtually every other council in the country but it was clearly the right decision for next year particularly given the current squeeze on household income and budgets.

In seconding the report and recommendations Councillor A Shield, Portfolio Holder for Equality and Inclusion thanked the Corporate Director, his staff and Councillor R Bell for the report.

All Members, past and present, could be proud that the council had been able to retain a Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, initiated by the

previous administration, that retained support to vulnerable and disadvantaged households equal to that which was available under the former Council Tax Benefit scheme. Durham was only one of a handful of council's across the country and the only authority in the north east which continued to retain a local council tax reduction scheme at the same level as was under the former National Council Tax Benefit system. While this came at the cost of lost Council Tax revenues, now was not the time to consider making changes to the scheme.

**Resolved:**

That the recommendations in the report be approved.

**9 Report of the Audit Committee for the period September 2021 to August 2022**

The Council noted a report of the Chair of the Audit Committee which informed the Council of the work of the Audit Committee during the period September 2021 to August 2022 and how the Committee continued to provide good governance across the Council (for copy see file of Minutes)

Councillor A Watson, Chair of the Audit Committee provided an update on the work of the Committee during the period outlined in the report.

The report covered the work of the Audit Committee during the period September 2021 to August 2022.

Through careful consideration and challenge of a wide range of officer reports presented, the Audit Committee had fulfilled its role in gaining assurances as to the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's governance, risk management framework and internal control environment.

The report set out details of the various meetings that had been held over the last twelve months and the issues that had been considered. There were three key areas of the Committee's work during the period that Councillor Watson drew attention to:

The first area related to the work of Internal Audit. The Audit Committee continued to promote and champion the work of Internal Audit across the organisation. As such, the Committee agreed the Internal Audit Strategy, Charter and an internal audit plan proposed by the Chief Internal Auditor and Corporate Fraud Manager, Tracy Henderson, who had been in post since 1 February 2022.

Updates were provided to the committee on a quarterly basis. Councillor Watson was satisfied that the committee provided the appropriate challenge

to this process, with a number of officers attending the Committee to provide explanations and answer questions across the year.

The second area related to the External Audit of the Council's Statement of Accounts. In July the Committee received a report from the Corporate Director of Resources which presented the draft un-audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 and the draft accounts were certified and provided to external audit within the statutory deadline. A progress report on the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 was subsequently presented to Audit Committee in September 2022 and the final statement of accounts would be presented to Audit Committee at its November 2022 meeting for review/approval in accordance with the statutory reporting timescales for this year.

Finally, Councillor Watson drew the Council's attention to the continuing good work of the Council's Corporate Fraud Team. The Protecting the Public Purse reports the Committee had considered clearly demonstrated, across the Council, the counter fraud activity that was being completed in order to acknowledge, prevent and pursue fraud under the Council's Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy. The Committee had acknowledged fraud as a strategic risk and that prevention was indeed better than cure.

To give some context, the Corporate Fraud Team in 2021/22 completed 572 investigations over a wide range of areas including the emerging Covid-19 fraud and scams, Blue Badge abuse and Council Tax claims to name a few.

In addition to investigating concerns, the Fraud Team also utilised a range of counter fraud initiatives to protect the Council and the Community, using its Fraud Communication Strategy and Awareness Campaign.

The Council had an excellent local and national profile for their work in this area. They had developed strong partnerships with other public sector organisations which continued to enhance the reputation that the Council had.

In summary, whilst the report was largely for information, Councillor Watson considered the effectiveness of the Audit Committee to be excellent.

## **10 Appointment of Chair of Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Moved** by Councillor J Shuttleworth, **Seconded** by Councillor C Hood that Councillor A Reed be appointed Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.



**Moved** by Councillor R Adcock-Forster, **Seconded** by Councillor M Wilson that Councillor S Townsend be appointed Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

A named vote was requested.

**For Councillor A Reed**

Councillors M Abley, B Bainbridge, C Bell, R Bell, J Blakey, D Brown, L Brown, J Charlton, J Cosslett, B Coult, M Currah, T Duffy, J Elmer, D Freeman, P Heaviside, T Henderson, L Holmes, C Hood, A Hopgood, J Howey, C Hunt, G Hutchinson, A Jackson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Lines, L Maddison, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, S McDonnell, M McGaun, P Molloy, J Nicholson, R Ormerod, E Peeke, R Potts, J Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, S Robinson, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, A Savory, E Scott, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson, M Stead, W Stelling, D Sutton-Lloyd, M Walton, A Watson and M Wilkes.

**For Councillor S Townsend**

Councillors E Adam, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, C Bihari, G Binney, D Boyes, R Crute, K Earley, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, J Griffiths, O Gunn, D Hall, C Hampson, A Hanson, K Hawley, S Henig, J Higgins, L Hovvels, D Howarth, M Johnson, C Kay, B Kellett, L Kennedy, R Manchester, C Marshall, B McAloon, D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, J Miller, D Mulholland, D Nicholls, P Pringle, J Purvis, S Quinn, K Shaw, G Smith, T Smith, A Surtees, P Taylor, F Tinsley, S Townsend, C Varty, E Waldock, M Wilson, D Wood and R Yorke.

**Abstain**

Councillor P Sexton.

**Resolved:**

That Councillor A Reed be appointed Chair of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor R Bell **Moved** a Motion without Notice that Standing Order 10.7 be suspended to extend the time for debating Motions on Notice but not to suspend Standing Order 4.2 to extend the length of the meeting. **Seconded** by Councillor A Hopgood.

The Council agreed the suspension of Standing Order 10.7 which related to the time allowed for the discussion of Motions.

## 11 Motions on Notice

The Chair informed Council that there were four Motions for consideration. Councillor K Hawley had informed the Chair that she had withdrawn her Motion.

**Moved** by Councillor C Hunt, **Seconded** by Councillor C Martin

Council notes the problems caused in our communities by the misuse of nitrous oxide and calls upon the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs to respond to the Home Secretary's request to review the harm caused by nitrous oxide and better understand whether further restrictions on the drug are needed.

Making the sale of nitrous oxide restricted through such things as the need for age verification. Also empowering the police and other stakeholders to deal with the anti-social issues caused by substance misuse in County Durham including Nitrous Oxide.

Councillors C Hunt, B Coult, J Shuttleworth, R Bell spoke in support of the Motion.

An Amendment was **Moved** by Councillor C Marshall, **Seconded** by Councillor C Kay:

Council notes the problems caused *across* ~~in~~ our communities by the misuse of nitrous oxide and calls upon the ~~Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs to respond to the~~ Home Secretary *to do more to pressurise the government appointed and funded Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs and request for them to review immediately* the harm caused by nitrous oxide and better understand whether further restrictions on the drug are needed, *including whether unlawful possession should be made an offence*. Making the sale of nitrous oxide restricted through such things as the need for age verification. Also empowering the police and other stakeholders to deal with the anti-social issues caused by substance misuse in County Durham including Nitrous Oxide.

Councillors P Jopling, R Bell, C Martin, R Potts, B Moist, R Ormerod, M Wilkes and J Howey informed Council they could not support Councillor Marshall's amendment.

Councillors F Tinsley, L Hovvels, O Gunn, M McKeon, D Mulholland and R Crute spoke in support of Councillor Marshall's amendment.

A named vote on the Amendment was requested.

### **For the Amendment**

Councillors E Adam, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, C Bihari, G Binney, D Boyes, R Crute, K Earley, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, J Griffiths, O Gunn, D Hall, C Hampson, A Hanson, K Hawley, S Henig, J Higgins, L Hovvels, D Howarth, M Johnson, C Kay, B Kellett, L Kennedy, R Manchester, C Marshall, D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, J Miller, D Mulholland, D Nicholls, P Pringle, J Purvis, S Quinn, K Shaw, G Smith, T Smith, A Surtees, P Taylor, F Tinsley, S Townsend, E Waldock, M Wilson, D Wood and R Yorke.

### **Against the Amendment**

M Abley, B Bainbridge, C Bell, R Bell, J Blakey, D Brown, L Brown, J Charlton, J Cosslett, B Coult, M Currah, T Duffy, J Elmer, D Freeman, P Heaviside, T Henderson, L Holmes, C Hood, A Hopgood, J Howey, C Hunt, G Hutchinson, A Jackson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Lines, L Maddison, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, B McAloon, S McDonnell, M McGaun, P Molloy, J Nicholson, R Ormerod, E Peeke, R Potts, J Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, S Robinson, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, A Savory, E Scott, P Sexton, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson, M Stead, W Stelling, D Sutton-Lloyd, C Varty, M Walton, A Watson and M Wilkes.

### **Abstain**

There were no abstentions

The Amendment was **Lost**.

A named vote on the Substantive Motion was requested.

A further vote was taken on the Substantive Motion.

### **For**

Councillors M Abley, E Adam, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, B Bainbridge, A Batey, K Batey, C Bell, R Bell, C Bihari, G Binney, J Blakey, D Boyes, D Brown, L Brown, J Charlton, J Cosslett, B Coult, R Crute, M Currah, T Duffy, K Earley, J Elmer, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, D Freeman, J Griffiths, O Gunn, D Hall, C Hampson, A Hanson, K Hawley, P Heaviside, T Henderson, S Henig, J Higgins, L Holmes, C Hood, A Hopgood, L Hovvels, D Howarth, J Howey, C Hunt, G Hutchinson, A Jackson, M Johnson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Kay, L Kennedy, C Lines, L Maddison, R Manchester, C Marshall, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, B McAloon, S McDonnell, M McGaun, D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, J Miller, P Molloy, D Mulholland, D Nicholls, J Nicholson, R Ormerod, E Peeke, R Potts, P Pringle, J Purvis, J Quinn, S Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, S Robinson, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, A Savory, E Scott, P Sexton, K Shaw, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson,

G Smith, T Smith, M Stead, W Stelling, A Surtees, D Sutton-Lloyd, P Taylor, F Tinsley, S Townsend, E Waldock, M Walton, A Watson, M Wilkes, M Wilson, D Wood and R Yorke.

### **Against**

There were no votes against

### **Abstain**

Councillor B Kellett

The Substantive Motion was **Carried**.

**Moved** by Councillor J Quinn, **Seconded** by Councillor N Jones

This council is to request that Livin and other social housing associations open an email address specifically for councillors to direct concerns and work, such as trimming of hedges etc.

An Amendment was **Moved** by Councillor K Shaw, **Seconded** by Councillor C Bihari:

*This council is to request that Livin and other notes that not all of our social housing associations open have an email address specifically for councillors to direct elected members to raise outstanding concerns and work, such as trimming of hedges etc. and requests that the Housing portfolio holder engage with all of the Social Housing providers as soon as possible to re-establish previously held regular scheduled meetings between elected members and housing associations to rebuild the links between elected members and the social housing management teams. This will facilitate the raising of key priorities and will address any outstanding work and also help shape the places within the neighbourhoods and communities in which they operate.*

Councillor J Quinn considered that the Amendment completely negated the original Motion. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised that the Amendment proposed an alternative course of action and was valid.

Councillors J Howey, C Hunt, D Sutton-Lloyd, M Walton, B Coult, J Rowlandson, M Abley, R Ormerod, R Bell informed Council they could not support the amendment.

Councillors C Marshall, L Hovvels, S Robinson, S Quinn, J Atkinson, F Tinsley, P Taylor, E Adam, J Miller spoke in support of the amendment.

Councillor L Maddison informed Council she supported both the motion and the amendment and would be supporting the amendment. Councillor C Kay

informed Council that he could see merit in both the motion and the amendment and asked whether it would be possible to merge the motion and the amendment.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised there could be an alteration to the amendment moved by Councillor Shaw which was currently being debated to incorporate the original motion which would require the meetings consent without discussion or to dispose of the motion and the amendment as they existed and then present the combined motion and amendment as a second amendment.

The Chair asked Councillor Shaw whether he was minded to do what had been suggested by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services. Councillor Shaw replied that he was not.

Councillor P Molloy sought advice on amending the amendment. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised Council that only one amendment could be dealt with at a time.

A named vote on the Amendment was requested.

#### **For the Amendment**

Councillors E Adam, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, C Bihari, G Binney, I Cochrane, R Crute, K Earley, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, J Griffiths, O Gunn, C Hampson, A Hanson, K Hawley, S Henig, J Higgins, L Hovvels, D Howarth, M Johnson, C Kay, B Kellett, L Kennedy, L Maddison, R Manchester, C Marshall, B McAloon, D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, J Miller, D Mulholland, D Nicholls, P Pringle, J Purvis, S Quinn, S Robinson, P Sexton, K Shaw, G Smith, T Smith, A Surtees, P Taylor, F Tinsley, S Townsend, E Waldock, M Wilson, D Wood and R Yorke.

#### **Against the Amendment**

Councillors M Abley, B Bainbridge, C Bell, R Bell, J Blakey, D Brown, L Brown, J Charlton, J Cosslett, B Coult, M Currah, T Duffy, J Elmer, D Freeman, P Heaviside, T Henderson, L Holmes, C Hood, A Hopgood, J Howey, C Hunt, A Jackson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Lines, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, S McDonnell, M McGaun, P Molloy, J Nicholson, R Ormerod, E Peeke, R Potts, J Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, A Savory, E Scott, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson, M Stead, W Stelling, D Sutton-Lloyd, M Walton, A Watson and M Wilkes.

#### **Abstain**

Councillor G Hutchinson.

Upon a vote being there was an equality of votes. The Chair exercised her casting vote against the Amendment.

The Amendment was **Lost**.

A named vote on the Substantive Motion was requested.

A further vote was taken on the Substantive Motion.

### **For**

Councillors M Abley, B Bainbridge, C Bell, R Bell, J Blakey, D Brown, L Brown, J Charlton, J Cosslett, B Coult, M Currah, T Duffy, J Elmer, D Freeman, P Heaviside, T Henderson, L Holmes, C Hood, A Hopgood, J Howey, C Hunt, A Jackson, N Jones, P Jopling, C Lines, L Maddison, C Martin, E Mavin, L Mavin, B McAloon, S McDonnell, M McGaun, P Molloy, J Nicholson, R Ormerod, E Peeke, R Potts, J Quinn, A Reed, G Richardson, K Robson, K Rooney, J Rowlandson, A Savory, E Scott, P Sexton, A Shield, J Shuttleworth, M Simmons, A Simpson, M Stead, W Stelling, D Sutton-Lloyd, M Walton, A Watson and M Wilkes.

### **Against**

E Adam, R Adcock-Forster, V Andrews, J Atkinson, P Atkinson, A Batey, K Batey, C Bihari, G Binney, I Cochrane, R Crute, K Earley, L Fenwick, C Fletcher, J Griffiths, O Gunn, C Hampson, A Hanson, K Hawley, S Henig, J Higgins, L Hovvels, D Howarth, M Johnson, C Kay, B Kellett, L Kennedy, R Manchester, C Marshall, D McKenna, M McKeon, I McLean, J Miller, D Mulholland, D Nicholls, P Pringle, J Purvis, S Quinn, K Shaw, G Smith, T Smith, A Surtees, P Taylor, S Townsend, E Waldock, M Wilson, D Wood and R Yorke.

### **Abstain**

Councillor G Hutchinson and S Robinson.

The Substantive Motion was **Carried**.

The Chair informed Council that the two outstanding Motions would be carried forward to the next meeting.

## **12 Questions from Members**

There were no questions from Members.