



Council
Thursday 1 March 2018
At 6.00pm

Council Chamber, Council House
 Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS

Members: The Mayor, Councillor John Whitby, and Councillors Afzal, Anderson, Ashburner, Banwait, Barker, Bayliss, Bolton, Care, Carr, Dhindsa, Eldret, Evans, Froggatt, Graves, Grimadell, Harwood, Hassall, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hudson, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Keith, J Khan, S Khan, Marshall, Naitta, Nawaz, Pegg, Potter, Poulter, Raju, Rawson, Repton, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Smale, Stanton, Turner, Webb, West, Williams, Willoughby, Winter and Wood.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest **Attached**
3. Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 January 2018 **Attached**
4. Announcements from the Mayor
5. Statements from Members of the Council Cabinet
6. Questions from the Public to Members of the Council Cabinet

	Questioner	Respondent	Subject
A	Dorothy Skrytek	Cllr Afzal	Air quality management area
B	David Gale	Cllr Banwait	Response to public questions
C	Simon Bacon	Cllr Afzal	Trade waste income
D	Ms P Mawbey	Cllr Afzal	Removal of blue bin collections
E	David Gale	Cllr Afzal	Church Street pavement width
F	Simon Bacon	Cllr Afzal	Trade waste agreement
G	Ms P Mawbey	Cllr Afzal	Bins on streets

7. Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes
8. Questions from non-Council Cabinet Members
9. Designation of Statutory and Proper Officer Roles **Attached**

10. **Notice of Motion: Council governance arrangements**

Moved by Councillor M Holmes, seconded by Councillor Poulter

"Council accepts that the current "Leader and Cabinet" approach to governance is no longer fit for purpose in Derby City and that fundamental change is urgently needed.

"Council therefore agrees to commit to move to a "Committee System" and end the Leader / Cabinet governance model that is currently in place.

"This will give all councillors, regardless of political party, a greater say in the council's priorities and every aspect of how decisions are made.

"Each committee created would cover specific areas of council services and include members from all political parties to deliver a new era of openness, transparency and to bring about meaningful engagement with members of the public."

11. **Notice of Motion: Affordable Housing**

Moved by Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor Winter

"Council recognises the national shortage of affordable housing and notes that construction of new affordable homes has reached a 24-year low, exacerbating a national housing crisis.

"Council welcomes the administration's pledge to build 500 affordable homes in Derby by 2020 and notes that a Labour Government would commit to building 100,000 genuinely affordable homes in the biggest council house building programme in at least 30 years.

"Council supports the aspiration of those who wish to own their own properties, but believes this should not be at the expense of those in genuine need of affordable housing.

"The extension of Right to Buy by the Coalition Government has led to nearly 58,000 council or housing association properties being privatised at a cost of £3.5 billion to the taxpayer in the past six years alone, with many subsequently entering the private-rented sector.

"Council welcomes recent calls by the Local Government Association to allow councils to set Right to Buy discounts locally, retain receipts in full and be given the freedom to borrow to build new affordable homes.

"Council resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government requesting that local authorities are fully supported in replacing every affordable home lost through Right to Buy."

12. **Notice of Motion: Election fraud**

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Moved by Councillor Shanker, seconded by Councillor Eldret

"Council applauds the joint working between our own Elections team and Derbyshire Constabulary in bringing Christopher Fernandez to justice for election fraud.

"This successful prosecution, like others before it, can give the people of Derby confidence that those who try to corrupt our democratic processes will not be allowed to get away with it.

"Council notes that despite repeated previous opportunities, three sitting councillors have failed to declare their involvement in a previous case, in which they signed the nomination forms supporting a fraudulent candidate.

"Council believes the declaring of this information in a public forum would provide further assurance and transparency to the people of Derby."

13. **Notice of Motion: Government Brexit Reports**

Moved by Councillor Care, seconded by Councillor Carr

"Council notes that publicly funded reports assessing Brexit are now available for Members of Parliament to read, though not the public. The reports apparently include information about the likely impacts of Brexit on different sectors.

"Meanwhile reports from other EU countries on the impacts and opportunities of Brexit for them are being made widely available. These are enabling EU cities to take advantage of Brexit at a time when at least some UK companies are changing their investment strategies. Derby needs access to this research to avoid risking missing out on the opportunities purported to flow from Brexit, or be in a poorer position to mitigate the disadvantages of Brexit.

"Access to the Government's Brexit assessments has now been extended to the next tier of elected representatives in Wales and Scotland – members of the Welsh Assembly and Scottish Parliament. Council further notes that in England the next tier of elected representatives include members of unitary councils, such as Derby City Council.

"Council therefore asks the Leader of the Council to write to the Brexit Secretary to request that the Government's Brexit reports should be made available to all upper tier councillors until the reports are published generally.

"Council encourages the Local Government Association to support this action and agrees to write to our local MPs to ask for their support to allow this access."

14. **Notice of Motion: Divesting from Fossil Fuels**

Moved by Councillor Care, seconded by Councillor Ashburner

"Council notes that in July 2017 Government guidance for local authority pension committees was changed. A High Court ruling in June 2017 resulted in the following paragraph being removed from the guidance:

'using pension policies to pursue boycotts, divestment and sanctions against foreign nations and UK defence industries are inappropriate, other than where formal legal sanctions, embargoes and restrictions have been put in place by Government...In formulating and maintaining their policy on social, environmental and corporate governance factors, an administering authority should not pursue policies that are contrary to UK foreign policy or UK defence policy.'

"Council further notes that this removes the barrier to the Derbyshire County Council Pensions and Investments Committee divesting from investments for moral or ethical reasons rather than purely financial ones. The Committee has previously considered divesting from fossil fuel companies consistent with other local actions to reduce climate changing emissions, including recent rejection of planning applications for fracking.

"Council notes that increasingly investors are divesting from fossil fuel companies including universities, faith groups and individuals, and that shrinkage of the fossil fuel sector will be required in order to meet the targets set out in the 2030 Climate and Energy Framework.

"As the number of bodies investing in fossil fuel companies falls, a tipping point will be reached where the value of fossil fuel holdings may fall rapidly. Last summer's ruling may bring forward this time.

"Council therefore does not consider any investment in fossil fuel companies to be financially prudent and Council therefore asks that the Derbyshire County Council Pensions and Investments Committee again considers this issue in light of this greater freedom and the continuing need to reduce fossil fuel dependence."

15. **Notice of Motion: Universal Credit**

Moved by Councillor Russell, seconded by Councillor Hezelgrave

"Council is dismayed at the Government's continued ideological attack on low paid workers, women, children and the disabled in the form of Universal Credit.

"Despite repeated calls to pause and fix this broken policy, the Government have pushed on regardless. Ministers have ignored the plight of thousands of individuals, who have been pushed further into poverty as a result of their failure.

"Council notes that Universal Credit has been called a "disaster waiting to happen" by leading charities, while even former Conservative Prime Minister, Sir John Major, described the policy as "operationally messy, socially unfair and unforgiving".

"Evidence from the Trussell Trust suggests that "Universal Credit is leaving people without money for six or more weeks, leading to debt, rental arrears and poor mental health".

"Council rejects the Conservative Government's dogmatic austerity plan hatched in coalition with the Liberal Democrats, and welcomes the efforts made by Council Cabinet to support residents transferring to Universal Credit locally.

"Council calls on the administration to continue to provide whatever local support possible, to ensure all people in Derby are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve."