

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council**
held on Thursday, 18th July, 2019 at The Ballroom, Sandbach Town Hall,
High Street, Sandbach, CW11 1AX

PRESENT

Councillor B Burkhill (Mayor/Chairman)

Councillor S Edgar (Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Q Abel, S Akers Smith, M Asquith, R Bailey, J Barber, M Beanland, L Braithwaite, J Bratherton, S Brookfield, D Brown, C Browne, J Buckley, C Bulman, P Butterill, S Carter, J Clowes, S Corcoran, L Crane, A Critchley, S Davies, T Dean, D Edwardes, B Evans, H Faddes, A Farrall, JP Findlow, K Flavell, R Fletcher, D Flude, T Fox, A Gage, S Gardiner, L Gilbert, M Goldsmith, A Gregory, P Groves, S Handley, A Harewood, G Hayes, S Hogben, S Holland, M Hunter, D Jefferay, L Jeuda, A Kolker, C Leach, I Macfarlane, N Mannion, D Marren, A Martin, A Moran, R Moreton, D Murphy, J Nicholas, J Parry, S Pochin, B Puddicombe, P Redstone, J Rhodes, B Roberts, J Saunders, L Smetham, J Smith, D Stockton, A Stott, R Vernon, L Wardlaw, P Williams and N Wylie

Apologies

Councillors M Addison, M Houston, B Murphy, K Parkinson, L Roberts, M Sewart, M Simon, M Warren, J Weatherill and J Wray

19 PRAYERS

The Reverend Ralph Kemp said prayers, at the request of the Mayor.

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Alex Thompson declared an interest in respect of item 12, regarding the recommendation from the Staffing Committee concerning the appointment of the Director of Financial and Customer Services and Section 151 Officer, and would leave the Chamber during its consideration.

Kath O'Dwyer declared an interest in respect of item 13, regarding the recommendation from the Staffing Committee concerning the amendment to Pay Policy Statement, and would leave the Chamber during its consideration.

21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Annual meeting of the Council held on 22 May 2019 be approved as a correct record.

22 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor:-

1. Referred to the recent announcement that Jodrell Bank had been made a UNESCO World Heritage Site and asked that Members join with him in sending the Council's warmest congratulations to the staff at Jodrell Bank and to Manchester University on this tremendous achievement.
2. Reported that, since being appointed Mayor, he had undertaken almost 40 engagements and been made very welcome everywhere that he had been. He had made a very enjoyable visit to Leighton Academy in Crewe, where they were celebrating their success in teaching German to every child. It had also been his pleasure to meet a group of French exchange students from Macon, who had also visited Crewe.
3. Announced that he had been delighted to be able to welcome HRH the Duke of Kent into Cheshire East when he had visited Morning Foods and British Salt on 25 June and that he hoped that there would be future Royal visits during his year in office.
4. Announced that it had been his privilege, on 27 June, to entertain Bernard Morgan and his daughter to afternoon tea in the Mayor's Parlour in Crewe. Mr Morgan was 95 and a much decorated D-Day veteran, who had served in the RAF in the Second World War. He had gone ashore on Gold Beach on D Day back in 1944. They had been joined by children from Pebblebrook Primary and Ruskin High schools, where Mr Morgan had given talks. The Mayor had been delighted that Cllr Dorothy Flude had been able to join them.
5. Reminded Council that he had written to Members recently about his commitment to food banks and how, during his year in office, he wished to support them. He indicated that he would be pleased to hear from Members if they had a food bank in their ward and would be delighted to visit them.
6. Reported that he had received a cheque for £2,500 from the Highways team, raised through an annual football competition, to support his nominated charity to support food banks across Cheshire. He thanked the team for the money raised.
7. Announced that Julie North, Democratic Services Manager, would be leaving Cheshire East Council at the end of September. He had known Julie for many years; she had originally joined the former Macclesfield Borough Council in 1982 and had played a central role in the work of Democratic Services since the creation of Cheshire

East Council. He asked Members to join with him in wishing Julie well for the future, and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

23 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

Mrs Sue Helliwell used public speaking time to address Council regarding Hassall Road play park in Alsager, with regard to a question that she had asked at the September 2018 Council meeting. The response to the question had stated that Mrs Helliwell would be “kept in the loop” with regard to what Section 106 monies were available and anticipated for such works. She had emailed the Council in October 2018 and February 2019, but stated that she had not received a response. She asked for an approximate start date and whether all of the money had been released to the Council. Cllr Toni Fox, Portfolio Holder for Planning, undertook to look in to this matter and to provide a written response.

Ms Jane Smith used public speaking time to ask a question concerning the Council’s policy regarding 5G roll-out, and the impacts of radio-frequency electromagnetic radiation on the borough’s inhabitants. Cllr Laura Jeuda, Portfolio Holder for Adult Care and Health and Cllr Jill Rhodes, Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Corporate Services, responded.

Mrs Carol Jones used public speaking time to ask a question concerning climate change and whether the Council would consider carrying out a campaign with a view to getting cars off the road. The Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Craig Browne, responded.

Mr Bob Fousert used public speaking time to make a statement regarding the Notice of Motion at Item 15 of the agenda.

Mr M Unett used public speaking time to address Council about the on-line highways reporting portal, which he considered was not user-friendly. He also referred to safety concerns on Lawton Road, Alsager. Cllr Brian Roberts, Portfolio Holder for Highways and Waste, agreed to meet with Mr Unett to discuss these issues.

Mr T Wall used public speaking time to refer to a letter from a former Cabinet Member, concerning seating arrangements at Cabinet meetings, which had been published in a local newspaper. The Leader of the Council, Cllr Sam Corcoran responded.

24 LEADER'S AND DEPUTY LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader of the Council, in summary:-

1. Thanked Cllr Stewart Gardiner for agreeing to continue as Champion for Equality and Diversity, Cllr Dorothy Flude for continuing as Champion for Mental Health and Cllr Suzie Akers Smith for agreeing to be Champion for Cycling and Walking.

2. Announced that Cllr James Barber would be the Champion for Young People. (Cllr Barber spoke in respect of his new role).
3. Referred to the Mayor's announcement in respect of Jodrell Bank being made a UNESCO World Heritage Site and stated that he looked forward to working with the SKA in promoting this and Cheshire East.
4. Referred to the RHS show at Tatton Park, which would be taking place at the weekend.
5. Made reference to the LGA training event for new Cllrs across the North West, which would also be taking place at Tatton Park; and thanked the Interim Chief Executive for taking action to get the event arranged in the area, and encouraged all new Councillors to attend that event.

The Deputy Leader of the Council, in summary:-

1. Gave notice that there was to be a special meeting of the Cabinet to consider the next stage of the Local Plan, the Site Allocations and Development Policies Document, to be followed by a period of extensive public consultation. This would include provision for transit sites for gypsies and travellers.
2. Referred to the slow down in productivity, both locally and nationally. He reported that, in order to counter this, the Council would be developing an Economic Strategy and would be consulting with residents and businesses over the Summer. At the same time the Council was working closely with the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership on the development of a Local Industrial Strategy at sub-regional level.
3. Reported that the Council's current Medium Term Financial forecast had a deficit of £11M for 1920/21 and that pressure on Local Authority funding had grown in recent years, with more responsibilities for services being placed on them, without adequate funding from central Government. He was concerned that this risked putting Local Authorities, such as Cheshire East, in a position where they would have to make cuts to other services, in order to balance the books. He reported that, following on from a letter sent by the previous Leader of the Council to the Prime Minister, he had written to the two Conservative leadership candidates, asking them what they intended to do to reverse this trend and any steps that they would take in order ensure that Cheshire East would get a fairer allocation of Government funding in the future.
4. Reported that Cllr Stott, as Portfolio Holder for Finance, would soon be bringing forward proposals for the following year's budget setting

process. Greater engagement from Members and members of the public was to be encouraged. A possible innovation for this would be workshops, to enable Members to develop the proposals. These would then be considered by the Scrutiny Committees, with feedback being invited on the proposals, as well as a range of other budget options. He hoped that this attempt at active engagement would be welcomed and that Members would encourage public engagement, once the proposals had been formally publicised.

25 RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - HIGH SPEED RAIL 2 PHASE 2A - QUALIFYING AUTHORITY

Consideration was given to the recommendation from Cabinet seeking approval for the Council to become a Qualifying Authority for the construction of phase 2a of High Speed Rail 2 (HS2).

It was noted that the report, as submitted, had been amended since the Cabinet meeting, to provide some additional clarity on points raised at the meeting.

RESOLVED

That Cheshire East Council become a Qualifying Authority, as specified in part 2 of Schedule 17 of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill and that the Executive Director for Place, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, be authorised to sign the Planning Memorandum to enable this to happen.

26 RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET - OUTTURN REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE - REQUESTS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY CAPITAL ESTIMATES AND VIREMENTS

Consideration was given to the recommendation from Cabinet, requesting Council to approve fully funded supplementary capital estimates above £1,000,000, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, as detailed in Appendix 4, Table 6, of the Cabinet report relating to the Outturn Review of Performance.

RESOLVED

That the fully funded supplementary capital estimates above £1,000,000 be approved, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, as detailed in Appendix 4, Table 6 of the report.

27 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consideration was given to the recommendation from the Constitution Committee concerning a number of minor changes to the Cheshire East

Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference, as recommended by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The changes proposed by the Health and Wellbeing Board had been considered by the Constitution Committee and had been referred to Council for approval.

RESOLVED

That the changes to the Health and Wellbeing Board's proposed revised Terms of Reference, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report to the Constitution Committee, be approved.

28 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE INVESTIGATION AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the recommendation from the Constitution Committee concerning proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee(IDC), amended Employment Procedure Rules and a proposed IDC Handbook, which contained comprehensive guidance notes on the process.

It was reported that the Constitution Committee had been content with the proposed amendments to Appendix B - Employment Procedure Rules, but that further changes to the content of Appendix A – Terms of Reference for the IDC, and Appendix C – The associated document within Chapter 7 were required. These were shown as tracked changes and were circulated around the Chamber as a supplemental paper, for consideration by Members.

RESOLVED: That:

1. the revised Terms of Reference for the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee, the Disciplinary Appeals Committee and the Independent Persons Panel (Appendix A on pages 55 to 59 of the report pack, with the changes to paragraphs 53 and 62, as shown in the supplemental paper, as attached to these minutes)
2. the proposed amendments to the Employment Procedure Rules (Appendix B on page 61 of the report pack)
3. the inclusion into the Constitution (as an "associated document" within chapter 7 thereto) of the new IDC Handbook (Appendix C on pages 63 to 71 of the report pack, with the changes to paragraphs 7 and 21 shown in the supplemental paper, as attached to these minutes) be approved.

**29 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STAFFING COMMITTEE -
APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AND CUSTOMER
SERVICES (AND SECTION 151 OFFICER)**

(Alex Thompson had declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during its consideration).

The Staffing Committee, at its meeting on 28 June 2019, had resolved that Council be recommended to approve the appointment of Alex Thompson to the new position of Director of Financial and Customer Services, including the Section 151 Officer role, at the inclusive salary of £86,603, subject to satisfactory references and Cabinet consultation. Subsequently, Cabinet Members had been consulted and had supported the recommendation. Satisfactory references had also been received, following the selection process on 28 June 2019.

RESOLVED

That the appointment of Alex Thompson as the Director of Financial and Customer Services (and Section 151 Officer), on an inclusive salary of £86,603 per annum be approved.

**30 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STAFFING COMMITTEE -
AMENDMENT TO THE PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2019/20**

(Kath O'Dwyer had declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during its consideration).

The Staffing Committee, at its meeting on 28 June 2019, had considered a report seeking approval of the arrangements to commence the process to recruit to the post of Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive). In accordance with the Employment Procedure Rules, the Staffing Committee was required to approve the job description and specification, determine whether the post was recruited to internally or externally and agree the salary for the new appointment. The Council had recently engaged Penna Executive Search to support senior recruitment to key roles across the Council and it had been agreed that Penna be used to support an external recruitment process.

Consideration had been given by the Staffing Committee to the salary range for the position. The Council's Pay Policy Statement gave the salary range for the Head of Paid Service as £156,075 to £166,075. Following discussion, the Committee had proposed that the salary range should be reduced to £151,000 to £161,000 and that Council be recommended to amend the Pay Policy Statement to reflect this.

The Committee had approved the job description and specification for the post of Head of Paid Service, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, and that the post be advertised externally and had recommended to Council that the Pay Policy Statement 2019-20 be amended as follows:-

3.5 Chief Officer remuneration

Chief Executive – Tier 1

- The salary package of the post is within the range of £151,000 to £161,000.

RESOLVED

That the Pay Policy Statement 2019-20 be amended as follows:-

3.5 Chief Officer remuneration

Chief Executive – Tier 1

- The salary package of the post is within the range of £151,000 to £161,000.

31 POLITICAL REPRESENTATION ON THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY SCHOOL GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS PANEL

Consideration was given to a report relating to the political representation on the Council's Committees. Appendix A to the report set out the political representation on ordinary committees and sub committees, this being based on the political structure of the Council as a whole.

It was also reported that The Local Authority School Governor Nominations Panel had been established since the beginning of the life of the Council and that the Terms of Reference for the Panel needed to be included in the Constitution. These were set out in Appendix B to the report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the political group representation, as set out in Appendix A to the report, and the methods, calculations and conventions used in determining this, as outlined in the report, be adopted and the allocation of places to Committees be approved and that it be noted that the Council's Annual Meeting had appointed the listed Committees.
2. That the terms of reference of the Local Authority School Governor Nominations Panel, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be included in the Constitution.

32 NOTICES OF MOTION

Consideration was given to the following Notices of Motion, which had been submitted in accordance with paragraph 1.34 of the Council Procedural Rules:-

1 Free TV Licences for Over 75s

Proposed by Cllr Andrew Gregory and seconded by Cllr Rachel Bailey

The decision by the BBC to withdraw free TV licences for the over 75s should be condemned by this Council; The BBC (who are responsible for the decision to withdraw funding for this service) should think again and change this decision given the impact this will have on many of the most poor and vulnerable people in the borough, who rely on terrestrial television as their main means of being kept informed and entertained.

In addition this decision acts as a reminder that for many older people, access to the internet is not available to them meaning they can only rely on the national TV and radio stations. If such people cannot afford to pay the annual licence fee, then many may have no means of entertainment to enjoy in their homes in their later years.

With the D Day Landing celebrations only a few weeks behind us, it is unfortunate that the generation which gave so much to give us the freedoms we enjoy, could be penalised by such a short sighted measure.

AMENDMENT

Following the proposing and seconding of the motion, an amendment was proposed and seconded, so that the motion should now read:-

“The decision by Government and the BBC to withdraw free TV licences for the over 75s should be condemned by this Council; they should think again and change this decision, given the impact this will have on many of the most poor and vulnerable people in the borough, who rely on terrestrial television as their main means of being kept informed and entertained.

In addition this decision acts as a reminder that for many older people, access to the internet is not available to them meaning they can only rely on the national TV and radio stations. If such people cannot afford to pay the annual licence fee, then many may have no means of entertainment to enjoy in their homes in their later years.

With the D Day Landing celebrations only a few weeks behind us, it is unfortunate that the generation which gave so much to give us the

freedoms we enjoy, could be penalised by such a short sighted measure”.

The amendment was declared carried.

RESOLVED

That the motion, as amended, be approved.

2 Schools Funding

Proposed by Cllr Jos Saunders and seconded by Cllr George Hayes

That this Council recognises the work undertaken by the previous administration to counteract the continued challenges faced by our schools and colleges as a result of the inequitable National School Funding System.

Significant work has already been undertaken which has included leading a campaign lobbying local Members of Parliament and the Right Honourable Secretary of State for Education.

As a consequence we request that this Council resolves to continue lobbying and advocating for a fairer funding deal for our schools.

AMENDMENT

Following the proposing and seconding of the motion, an amendment was proposed and seconded to remove the first two paragraphs of the motion and the words and replace the third paragraph with the words “This Council resolves to lobby and advocate for a fairer funding deal for our schools. The motion to now read:-

“This Council resolves to lobby and advocate for a fairer funding deal for our schools”.

The amendment was declared carried.

RESOLVED

That the motion, as amended, be approved.

3 Cheshire East Independent Person/Independent member of the Cheshire Police & Crime Panel

Proposed by Cllr Suzanne Brookfield and seconded by Cllr Stewart Gardiner

This Council

- 1) regrets the comments made by Mr Fousert when, as then Chair of the Cheshire Police & Crime Panel, he noted that the Deputy Chief Constable had worn a rainbow lanyard, said that this was a political statement and that this was a breach of police regulations
- 2) asks the Monitoring Officer to prepare a report on whether Mr Fousert should be removed as an Independent Person
- 3) asks the Monitoring Officer to prepare a report on whether Mr Fousert should be removed as a member of the Police & Crime Panel.
- 4) asks the Monitoring Officer not to involve Mr Fousert in any complaints about councillor conduct while the above reports are being prepared.

The motion was proposed and seconded. Following debate, a requisition for a named vote was proposed and seconded and duly supported, with the following result:-

FOR

Councillors Q Abel, S Akers Smith, M Asquith, J Barber, M Beanland, L Brathwaite, J Bratherton, S Brookfield, C Browne, J Buckley, C Bulman, P Butterill, S Carter, J Clowes, S Corcoran, L Crane, A Critchley, D Edwardes, H Faddes, A Farrall, K Flavell, R Fletcher, D Flude, S Gardiner, P Groves, A Harewood, S Hogben, M Hunter, L Jeuda, C Leach, I Macfarlane, N Mannion, D Marren, J Parry, B Puddicombe, J Rhodes, B Roberts, J Saunders, D Stockton, A Stott, R Vernon.

AGAINST

None

NOT VOTING

Councillors B Burkhill, S Edgar, JP Findlow, T Fox, A Gage, L Gilbert, A Gregory, S Holland, R Moreton, D Murphy, J Nicholas, P Redstone, L Smetham, L Wardlaw.

The motion was declared carried, with 41 votes for, 0 against and 14 not voting.

RESOLVED

That the motion be approved.

4 Maximising the potential of Cheshire East Land Holdings for both efficient food production and effective carbon capture.

Proposed by Cllr Janet Clowes and Seconded by Cllr Paul Findlow.

This Council acknowledges that in May 2019 The Government's Committee on Climate Change recommended that Britain should cease its contributions to global warming by 2050 by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to "net zero". Earlier this year, in March 2019, this Council made a commitment to ensure its own activities should be carbon neutral by 2025 - a commitment that was re-iterated at Full Council in May.

In this context, land use is an essential resource that can sequester and store carbon.

However since the 1940s the United Kingdom has seen a systematic loss of its peatlands and forested areas both of which have a pivotal role in storing carbon.

The Climate Change Report highlights the need for fundamental land reform and has identified that to help meet the 2050 net zero target, there must be:

- Better soil and livestock management practices.
- Changes in agricultural practices (including healthier eating behaviours)
- The restoration of Peatlands and
- the planting of up to 1.5 million hectares of new woodland and hedgerows. This would raise the land coverage used for this purpose from 13% to 19% by 2050 and require the re-utilisation of between 26% and 35% of land that is currently used as grassland or rough grazing.

Cheshire East is a highly rural area and the Council owns or manages a range of agricultural and rural land holdings. This Council therefore has the potential to make a significant contribution to meeting both the Borough's and thus the wider UK's climate change targets.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- (1) Review its agricultural land-holdings and on-going work with farm tenants to:-
 - (1.1) Optimise Opportunities to improve soil and livestock management practices.

- (1.2) Identify appropriate grassland and rough pasture released by (1.1) for tree and hedge planting.
- (1.3) Review the terms and conditions of all new tenancies on Cheshire East Farms, as they become available, to facilitate (1.1) and (1.2) above.
- (2) Review (either through its own land ownership practice or with appropriate land-owners and Natural England) the effective maintenance and restoration of peatland areas in Cheshire East, including the nationally designated “Nature Improvement Area (Meres and Mosses)” south of Crewe.
- (3) Utilising the knowledge and experience of (1) and (2) above, this Council will work with the Boroughs’ schools, academies, colleges and associated partners to develop appropriate resources, practical educational and volunteering opportunities to ensure that Climate Change is incorporated into the wider curricula for young people and volunteers.
- (4) That the actions identified in (1), (2) and (3) are incorporated into the Cheshire East Council ‘Environment Strategy’ and the Cheshire East ‘Rural Action Plan’.
- (5) Lobby David Rutley: Member of Parliament; Macclesfield and Forestry Minister) and all other Cheshire East Constituency MPs, to support the recommendations of the Climate Change Committee and the expeditious implementation of “help with skills, training and information to implement new uses of land, and support with high up-front costs and long-term pay-backs of investing in alternative uses”. (Recommendation 2, page 11, CCC, 2019)

References:

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Land-use-Reducing-emissions-and-preparing-for-climate-change-CCC-2018-1.pdf>

<https://naturalengland.blog.gov.uk/2019/06/21/natural-englands-role-in-meeting-climate-change-targets/>

<https://www.nfuonline.com/cross-sector/environment/climate-change/climate-change-news/nfu-reiterates-its-net-zero-aims-for-agriculture/>

RESOLVED

That the motion be referred to Cabinet.

5 Air Quality

Proposed by Cllr Rob Vernon and seconded by Cllr L Braithwaite

This Council notes that:

- At 2019 Annual Council we voted for strong action on the Climate Emergency through a new Environmental Strategy, recognising the urgent need to tackle the varied environment issues across our borough
- There are currently 17 declared Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) within Cheshire East
- Public Health England have concluded that air pollution is expected to cause over 2 million new cases of disease by 2035, at a health and social care cost of £5.3bn

This Council resolves to:

- Review previous and put in place new Air Quality Action Plans (AQAPs) to tackle air quality in each individual AQMA, as well as across the wider Cheshire East borough
- Support the inclusion in AQAPs of:
 - Weight restrictions to reduce the number of HGVs passing through AQMAs
 - Establishing and promoting safe cycle routes, as well as encouraging more schools to develop walking buses
 - Any necessary review to nearby junctions with a view to reducing traffic queues
 - Contributions by developers to air quality mitigation measures in nearby AQMAs that equate to the maximum necessary for preventing any further increase in air pollution
 - Much greater expansion of green planting and the protection of green spaces
 - Changes to bus services that cater to new and in-progress developments
- Ensure air quality is an important aspect when considering environmental, transport and housing policy going forward

RESOLVED

That the motion be referred to the appropriate decision making body, with input from Overview and Scrutiny.

33 QUESTIONS

1. Cllr A Moran asked whether the Portfolio Holder would consider removing the 10p increase in Car Parking charges in Nantwich, as per the amendment moved at the budget Council meeting. \

Cllr B Roberts, Portfolio Holder for Highways and Waste, agreed to respond to this question once he had looked at the implications.

2. Cllr D Marren referred to the Staff Survey and asked whether it would be possible to see the questions asked and comments made by staff.
- The Leader of the Council and Interim Chief Executive responded and undertook to provide a written response.
3. Cllr P Findlow asked about the rationale around the grouping of responsibilities in the Health Portfolio and also the Portfolio Holder's strategy for dealing with the inherited budget. - Cllrs J Rhodes Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Corporate Services, and Cllr A Stott, Portfolio Holder for Finance undertook to provide a written response.
4. Cllr L Gilbert asked where the Council was up to with regard to the development of a policy for speed indicator devices in speeding hotspots and whether Members were involved. - Cllr B Roberts, Portfolio Holder for Highways and Waste undertook to provide a written response.
5. Cllr M Hunter thanked all those agencies involved for their hard work in helping to achieve green flag status for two areas in Middlewich. He asked whether the Council would be making a policy to work with Town and Parish Councils in the future. - The Leader of the Council responded.
6. Cllr S Akers Smith referred to the Notice of Motion relating to air quality and asked whether there would be an opportunity to speak on this matter. – The Interim Chief Executive responded.
7. Cllr J Clowes referred to supplementary capital estimates at item 9 of the agenda and asked the Portfolio Holder for Finance to clarify, by written response to all Members, where the money had come from for the A500 dualling scheme. - Cllr A Stott, Portfolio Holder for Finance, undertook to provide a written response to all Members.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 6.30 pm

Councillor B Burkhill (Mayor/Chairman)

ITEM 11 SUPPLEMENTAL PAPER
CHANGES MADE BY THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE ON 15 JULY 2019

Change No. 1 – The following paragraph replaces paragraph 53 on Page 55 of your

Council agenda report pack. “Tracked changes” are shown.

- 53 The Committee shall be politically balanced, shall consist of 5 Members of the Council of which 1 member of the Committee must be a member of the Cabinet but that member must not be the Leader or Deputy leader. Members of the Committee must have completed mandatory training. A quorum for the meeting shall be 3 Members.

Change No. 2 – The following paragraph replaces paragraph 62 on page 57 of your

Council agenda report pack. “Tracked changes” are shown.

- 62 The Committee shall be politically balanced, shall consist of 5 Members of the Council of which 1 member of the Committee must be a member of the Cabinet but that member must not be the Leader or Deputy Leader. No Member who was a member of the Investigation and Disciplinary Committee making the decision which is the subject of the appeal may be a member of the Disciplinary Appeals Committee. Members of the Committee must have completed mandatory training.

Change No. 3 – The following paragraph replaces paragraph 7 on page 63 of your

Council agenda report pack. “Tracked changes” are shown.

7. The draft filter report will be shared jointly with the Chair of the Staffing Committee and/ or the Chair of the IDC if there is a standing committee.

Change No. 4 – The following paragraph replaces paragraph 21 on page 66 of your

Council agenda report pack. “Tracked changes” are shown.

21. It may also be necessary, if an exceptional situation arises, for the Head of Paid Service, or if the DSO in question is the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer to carry out a temporary suspension of the DSO pending the convening of an IDC Committee hearing to consider the matter. In such circumstances, a decision whether or not to carry out a temporary suspension shall be taken by either the Head of Paid Service or the Monitoring Officer (as the case may be) in consultation with the Chair of Staffing and/or the Chair of the IDC if there is a standing

committee. Any temporary suspension decision will be reviewed by the Committee at the first available IDC meeting.