

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors J. Bradshaw, Baker, M. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Carlin, Dennett, Gerrard, Gilligan, Harris, P. Hignett, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Horabin, Jones, Leck, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, Logan, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, Nelson, Philbin, Polhill, N. Plumpton Walsh, June Roberts, Rowe, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Teeling, Thompson, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Whitley, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Abbott, Cassidy, Dourley, Fry, Howard, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Nolan and C. Plumpton Walsh

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor Morley and Councillor Joe Roberts

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Vasic, M. Reaney and A. Scott

Also in attendance: One member of the press

Action

MINUTE'S SILENCE

Members stood for a minute's silence in remembrance of former Councillor David Boardman who had recently passed away.

COU30 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of Council held on 22 August 2018 and 5 September 2018, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

COU31 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader made the following announcements:-

- The Council continued to deal with budget reductions which may have an impact on the provision of some services in 2019/20;
- The response from the Boundary Commission on the Council's submission on the Ward Boundary Review proposals had been delayed, and was now expected around 4 December 2018; and

- Victoria Park in Widnes had been announced by Green Flag Award as one of the winners of the 2018 People's Choice vote, beating hundreds of others to be in the top five in the UK, making it one of the nation's favourite parks.

(N.B. Councillors Mark Dennett and Louise Whitley declared a Disclosable Other Interest in Minute EXB29, as they were Governors of Halton Lodge Primary School; Councillor Ron Hignett declared a Disclosable Other Interest in Minute EXB 26 as he was a member of the Sci-Tech Daresbury Joint Venture Board)

COU32 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Executive Board meetings on 19 July 2018 and 20 September 2018.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU33 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 4 July 2018.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU34 QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

It was noted that no questions had been submitted under Standing Order No. 8.

(N.B. Councillor Ron Hignett declared a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item as far as it related to Sci-Tech Daresbury, as he was a member of the Sci-Tech Daresbury Joint Venture Board)

COU35 REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME (MINUTE EXB 34 REFERS)

The Council considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the 2018/19 Revised Capital Programme.

RESOLVED: That Council approve the revisions to the Council's Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

Operational
Director - Finance

COU36 WIDNES LOOPS TO WEST BANK LINK ROAD (MINUTE

EXB 38 REFERS)

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the Widnes Loops to West Bank Link Road.

RESOLVED: That Council approve the increase in Capital Funding allocation to ensure the scheme progresses.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

COU37 STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY (MINUTE REG 10 REFERS)

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the adoption of the Statement of Gambling Policy.

The report had been considered by the Regulatory Committee at its meeting on 3 October 2018, following a period of consultation.

RESOLVED: That Council

- 1) adopts the Statement of Gambling Policy attached to the report, to come into effect immediately following expiry of the current Policy; and
- 2) directs that the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services, publishes the Statement in accordance with Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005 and the Gambling Act 2005 (Licensing Authority Policy Statement) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

COU38 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD

The Council considered the reports of the following Boards in the period since the meeting of Council on 11 July 2018:-

- Children, Young People and Families;
- Employment, Learning and Skills and Community;
- Health;
- Safer;
- Environment and Urban Renewal;
- Corporate Services; and
- Business Efficiency.

In moving the minutes of the Children, Young People

and Families Policy and Performance Board, Councillor Dennett highlighted the very successful Ofsted Inspection, and congratulated all staff that had been involved.

COU39 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council considered the reports of the following Committees in the period since the meeting of Council on 11 July 2018:-

- Development Control; and
- Regulatory.

Meeting ended at 6.43 p.m.