

EXECUTIVE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2019

Councillors Present: Steve Ardagh-Walter, Dominic Boeck, Graham Bridgman, Hilary Cole, Lynne Doherty, Rick Jones, Ross Mackinnon, Richard Somner and Howard Woollaston

Also Present: John Ashworth (Corporate Director - Environment), Sarah Clarke (Head of Legal and Strategic Support), Martin Dunscombe (Communications Manager), Tess Ethelston (Group Executive (Cons)), Joseph Holmes (Executive Director - Resources), Andy Sharp (Executive Director (People)), Councillor Adrian Abbs, Councillor Jeff Brooks, Stephen Chard (Principal Policy Officer), Councillor Carolyne Culver, Councillor Lee Dillon, Councillor Owen Jeffery, Councillor Alan Macro, Councillor David Marsh, Councillor Steve Masters and Councillor Tony Vickers

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Councillor Erik Pattenden

PART I

59. Minutes

Councillor Lynne Doherty opened the meeting by explaining that due to the General Election that took place on 12 December 2019 and the associated purdah restrictions, the Council was not able to issue an agenda which included the substantive discussion items. These items would be discussed as part of the special meetings which would take place immediately after this meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2019 were approved as a true and correct record and signed by the Leader.

60. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

61. Public Questions

A full transcription of the public and Member question and answer sessions are available from the following link: [Transcription of Q&As](#).

(a) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Mr Alan Pearce**

A question standing in the name of Mr Alan Pearce on the subject of the drainage system in place for the A339 road junction for the new access into the London Road Industrial Estate was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside.

(b) **Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning by Mr Neil Taylor**

A question standing in the name of Mr Neil Taylor on the subject of the positive steps that the Council was taking with regards to housing in the district was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Planning.

62. Petitions

There were no petitions presented to the Executive.

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63. Members' Questions

A full transcription of the public and Member question and answer sessions are available from the following link: [Transcription of Q&As](#).

(a) Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environment by Councillor Adrian Abbs

A question standing in the name of Councillor Adrian Abbs, asking whether the Environment Advisory Group would be changed to a committee status, was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Environment.

(b) Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Environment by Councillor Adrian Abbs

A question standing in the name of Councillor Adrian Abbs on the subject of the achievements to date of the Environment Advisory Group was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Environment.

(c) Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor Alan Macro

A question standing in the name of Councillor Alan Macro on the subject of the efforts made by the Council to ensure that road traffic signs were kept clean and were not obscured by vegetation was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside.

(d) Question submitted to the Leader of the Council by Councillor David Marsh

A question standing in the name of Councillor David Marsh which sought assurance that the Council's staff and Members would not be asked to participate in the distribution of political propoganda was answered by the Leader of the Council.

(e) Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People by Councillor Martha Vickers

A question standing in the name of Councillor Martha Vickers (asked on her behalf by Councillor Tony Vickers) on the subject of whether the Council would reinstate a fund to send a young person to the Youth Parliament was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education and Young People.

(f) Question submitted to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside by Councillor Tony Vickers

A question standing in the name of Councillor Tony Vickers on the subject of when on-street electric charging points would be put to use was answered by the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Countryside.

(The meeting commenced at 5.00pm and closed at 5.25pm)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature