

South Northamptonshire Council

Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, Northants NN12 6AD on Monday 14 January 2019 at 6.00 pm.

Present Councillor Richard Dallyn (Chairman)
 Councillor Rosie Herring (Vice-Chairman)
 Councillor Ann Addison
 Councillor Robert G. Atkinson
 Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb
 Councillor Fiona Baker
 Councillor Dermot Bambridge
 Councillor Sandra Barnes MBE
 Councillor Phil Bignell
 Councillor Caryl Billingham MBE
 Councillor Rebecca Breese
 Councillor John Budden
 Councillor Carole Clarke
 Councillor Roger Clarke
 Councillor Stephen Clarke
 Councillor Hywel Davies
 Councillor Peter Davies
 Councillor Valerie Furniss
 Councillor Andrew Grant
 Councillor David Harries BEM
 Councillor Steven Hollowell
 Councillor Gregor Hopkins
 Councillor Martin Johns
 Councillor Chris Lofts
 Councillor Dennis Loveland
 Councillor Charles Manners
 Councillor Ian McCord
 Councillor Abigail Medina
 Councillor Alice Kim Ord
 Councillor Ken Pritchard
 Councillor Peter Rawlinson
 Councillor Jonathan Riley
 Councillor Lisa Samiotis
 Councillor Sandi Smallman
 Councillor Catharine Tarbun
 Councillor John Townsend
 Councillor Allen Walker
 Councillor Elaine Wiltshire
 Councillor Paul Wiltshire

Apologies for Councillor Karen Cooper
 Councillor Adil Sadygov

Absence: Councillor Mary-Anne Sergison-Brooke

Officers: Richard Ellis, Chief Executive
Andrew Hunkin, Executive Director: Resources & Monitoring Officer
Kelly Watson, Assistant Director: Finance, Procurement and
Property & Section 151 Officer
Peter Holt, Assistant Director: Communications, Engagement &
Transformation
Jim Newton, Assistant Director: Planning & Economy
Andy D'Arcy, Planning Policy and Growth Strategy Manager
Natasha Clark, Governance and Elections Manager

74 **Declarations of Interest**

7. South Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part 2): Submission.

Councillor Lisa Samiotis, Non Statutory Disclosable Interest, as the Chair of Towcester Town Football Club and would not take part in any aspect of the debat relating to Towcester Town Football Club and would abstain from voting on the item.

75 **Minutes of Council**

The Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 19 December 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

76 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

Public Attendance

The Chairman welcomed the member of public in attendance to the meeting and reminded them that there was no public participation and requested that they not call out during the discussions on any item.

The Chairman advised that members of the public were permitted to film, broadcast and report on the meeting, subject to the efficient running of the meeting not being affected. There were no planned fire drills so if the alarm did sound, meeting attendees should follow the evacuation instructions given by officers.

Cycle Challenge

The Chairman explained that he was inviting Members and officers to blow out the winter cobwebs during his Cycle Challenge at The Forum on Wednesday, 6 February by cycling as individuals (or teams) to cover the furthest distance. Each time slot would be 15 minutes and a minimum donation of £1 per slot was requested.

The Chairman advised that as Members knew, during his year in office, he had been raising money for the three hospices covering this district: Willen, Cynthia Spencer and Katharine House.

The challenge was to pedal the distance equivalent to that of the distance between the three hospices. At around 90 miles it's the average distance of a Tour de France stage, but it should be a doddle with Members and officers working together.

Chairman's Tea

The Chairman reminded Members that the Chairman's tea would take place on Friday 22 February. The Chairman's PA would be sending out further information asking for volunteers to help.

Post

The Chairman reminded Members to collect any post from pigeon holes.

77 Announcements by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive

The Leader, Councillor McCord, made the following announcements:

1. Work on the Council's response to the Local Government Reform consultation was progressing and would be submitted in due course. Thanks were given to all involved in the drafting.

The Chief Executive made the following announcements:

1. The Chief Executive had sent a monthly update to Members that day which included a "Who's Who" within services. Further iterations of the "Who's Who" would be sent with future updates and the separation of services progress.
2. The single SNC Management team was up and running. The vacancies were being covered on a temporary basis. The Chief Executive was submitting a report to a meeting of the Appointments and Personnel Committee the following week which proposed some minor changes to the management structure.
3. The responses of other authorities in the county to the Local Government Reform proposals were being monitored.
4. A new Programme Director, Richard Cheeseman, had been appointed on a temporary basis to oversee the local government reform work.
5. The Leaders and Chief Executives would be meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 24 January 2019.

78 Questions to the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive

There were no questions to the Leader or Chief Executive on their announcements.

79 South Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part 2): Submission

The Executive Director: Operations submitted a report which sought agreement to the submission of the South Northamptonshire Countryside and Settlements Local Plan Part 2 to the Secretary of State.

In introducing the report, the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Councillor Roger Clarke, gave a detailed overview setting out how the council had reached this stage as set out in the annex to the Minutes (as set out in the Minute Book).

In considering the report, Members noted that this was a key document for the district and commended current and former officers within Planning Policy, the current and former Portfolio Holders for Planning, Councillor Roger Clarke and Rebecca Breese respectively and the Planning Policy and Regeneration Strategy Committee for their hard work in reaching the current stage in the process.

Resolved

- (1) That the South Northamptonshire Countryside and Settlements Local Plan Part 2 (annex to the Minutes as set out in the Minute Book) and the supporting documentation be endorsed for submission to the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director: Operations, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, to:
 - i. Invite the Inspector to recommend modifications in respect of soundness.
 - ii. Suggest additional modifications to the Inspector that may be required to address matters of soundness; and
 - iii. To make non-material amendments and factual corrections as required.

80 Collaboration Agreement

The Executive Director: Resources (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report which sought agreement to enter into a Collaboration Agreement between Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire councils.

Resolved

- (1) That it be agreed to enter into a Collaboration Agreement between Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire councils, and that authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise and enter into the Agreement based on the provisions provided by the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government Act 2000, the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Localism Act 2011.

81 Start Time of Full Council Meetings

The Executive Director: Resources (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report to consider the start time for meetings of Full Council.

In introducing the report, Councillor McCord proposed that meetings of Full Council continue to be held at 6pm. This was duly seconded by Councillor Bignell. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

Resolved

- (1) That meetings of Full Council continue to be held at 6pm.

82 **Urgent Business (previously agreed with the Chairman)**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm

Chairman:

Date: