

PUBLIC

MINUTES of the meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
held on 23 September 2015 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor S Freeborn (In the Chair)

Councillors D Allen, Mrs E Atkins, Mrs G Birkin, Ms C Bisknell, Mrs S L Blank, Mrs M W Booth, A Botham, S J Bradford, S Brittain, S Bull, K Buttery, Mrs D W E Charles, Mrs L M Chilton, D Collins, Mrs C M Cox, J A Coyle, R Davison, J E Dixon, P Dunn, S J Ellis, M Ford, J A Frudd, Mrs P A Gilby, K Gillott, D T Greenhalgh, Mrs C A Hart, Mrs Janet A Hill, Ms Julie A Hill, R L Hosker, P Jones, T A Kemp, Mrs K D Lauro, B Lewis, D W Lomax, S Marshall-Clarke, W Major, D McGregor, R R Mihaly, K P Morgan, J R Owen, R A Parkinson, Mrs J E Patten, Mrs I Ratcliffe, B Ridgway, P J Smith, S A Spencer, Mrs M Stockdale, Mrs J S Street, D H Taylor, Mrs J A Twigg, D Walton, Ms A Western, D J Wilcox, D A Williams, J G Williams and B Wright.

55/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S A Bambrick, Mrs J M Innes, C R Moesby, Ms C Neill, T Southerd and E S Wilcox.

56/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no
declarations of interest.

57/15 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The following
announcements were made:-

(1) The death of former County Councillor Joyce Craufurd-Stuart (Member for the Buxton Division from 1977 to 1985), of former County Councillor Doug Goodall (Member for the Darley Dale Division from 1991 to 2001); and of Mr Keith Wilkinson, long-standing Magistrate member and former Chair of the Police Authority and Independent Member of the County Council's Standards Committee. Members observed a minute's silence and tributes were made.

(2) The by-election to fill the vacant Derwent Valley seat was to be held on 24 September 2015.

(3) East Midlands Trains' Best Station Awards - Ambergate, Belper and Cromford Stations were winners at East Midlands Trains' Best Station Awards. Alistair Morley, the County Council's Community Rail Officer based in the Economy, Transport and Environment Department was presented with the award.

(4) A report on Appointments to Outside Bodies was to be considered as an additional, urgent item.

(5) The presentation to be made at agenda item 9 was to be brought forward on the agenda and would be made immediately following the confirmation of the Council minutes.

58/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING On the motion of Councillor S Freeborn, duly seconded,

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 3 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

59/15 PRESENTATION A presentation was made on the County Learning Disability Partnership Board Annual Report 2014-15 and Workplan 2015-16. The presentation was made by Paul Loble, Independent Chair of the Derbyshire County Learning Disability Partnership Board, and Helen Greatorex, Project and Research Manager, Adult Care, accompanied by Learning Disability representatives Susan Brown, Andrew Turner, Andree Crook and Alan Collins.

Members asked a number of questions which were responded to by the guests. The Chair thanked the guests for their contribution.

60/15 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL Councillor A Western, Leader of the Council, reported on the current position on the discussions that were taking place at a national level about how local councils can support refugees; the progress on the devolution deal for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, and the decisions taken by Cabinet on 22 September about how the Council would deal with its current situation in view of its financial position, the Council's priorities and how services would be delivered to local people.

A number of questions on the Leader's report were asked as follows:-

By Councillor K P Morgan:-

I would like to thank the Council Leader for her response on the refugee crisis and compliment her on the prompt action that this county has made. It seems now that our offer is being held in abeyance, if that is the right phrase to use, but I would like to ask in this time has any discussion been had at a strategic level with regard to co-ordinating efforts in the third sector? I am thinking particularly of voluntary agencies, charities and churches. I have been approached twice, once this last weekend and once last night about local efforts that may be

made in the community. Obviously it occurred to me that the County Council might be the ideal place for such activities to be co-ordinated.

The Leader responded as follows:-

That is a very valid point because as a response to the announcement that we have done what we have done there have been a huge number of people who have contacted me directly and the Council offering money, offering furniture, clothing, what have you, and even offering spare rooms. We are creating a database of people who have made these offers in the way you describe so we can co-ordinate that. Accommodation offers we will keep obviously until we are asked and see if we can progress that.

In relation to what you said about the third sector I think that is extremely important. What we are trying to do is to gather a database of charities, church groups whatever who are gathering up material goods and so on to send out mainly to Europe, Calais and so on and to the refugee camps, so if we can create the database and publicise that, that will give people maybe local drop off points. I think the problem we are encountering in the county is that there are a large number of very small such charities and groups rather than one big place where people can go, so we are trying to pull that information together to share it because there has been a real - as I thought there would be - a real up-swelling of people wishing to try and help. Yes, if you have any local organisations that you are aware of then please do feed it through. It is the PR department who are co-ordinating this at the moment.

By Councillor S Ellis:-

I was very interested in Councillor Western's third point, the way that Derbyshire County Council has to change to cope with the current situation. It is very encouraging that Councillor Western now understands the reality of where we are as a nation and is prepared to buckle down and get things done under the current financial settlement and the settlement to come. Believe me it can be done and it is something which in my area of Derbyshire, North East Derbyshire along with Bolsover, and I am sure my District Council colleagues will agree with this, it was the approach that we took five or six years ago when we created the Strategic Alliance and made an immense improvement in our financial situation, despite the cuts, and we have not diminished frontline services.

The Leader responded as follows:-

Where do you start really with that? We need to "buckle down". You have been saying that for a long time, Stuart. I think we still

fundamentally disagree on whether these cuts are necessary, fundamentally disagree on that. I for one don't agree. I think this whole approach to austerity is a sham. I think people are being conned. I think people are being completely taken for a ride. How can it be right? How can it be right that poor people, the people most vulnerable with the greatest needs are being made to pay the highest price for what was not their fault, absolutely not their fault. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to vent that. If I had known you were going to ask that I would have put my Jeremy Corbyn badge on.

As regards Bolsover and North East Derbyshire District Council they are separate Councils performing different functions. I am not so familiar with the situation in North East Derbyshire but I know that Bolsover has been pursuing this strategy for a while. They were pursuing that strategy while your Group were in administration here not pursuing the same strategy, I have to say, and if you had been you might have left us in a better place when we took the reins up again. Certainly in Bolsover their financial position is underpinned because they did make some major land transactions as well.

The two District Councils do not perform the same functions. They do not, for instance, have the Adult Care responsibility or Children's Services' responsibility where we are under the greatest pressure. Adult Care in particular because of the increase in demographic demand, because we are an ageing population (and thank goodness people are living longer) but also because those services are being chronically underfunded. We see with this again sleight of hand from the Chancellor about the so-called national 'Living Wage' that is not being funded for this Council as far as we know. We wait to see what happens in the autumn statement, but that will add what, £31m more to the pressure on Adult Social Care budgets, so that is more cuts layered on top of the cuts we have already got to face. That is what your Government is doing, that is why it is a sham, and that is why roll on 2020 so we can have another election.

By Councillor D Lomax:-

Could I just check, have you actually written to the right people over migration? I can understand you writing to the Government but should we perhaps be going through the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership who I think are trying to co-ordinate the effort across the whole of the East Midlands? Perhaps we should be going to them rather than the Government. Also are we co-ordinating the response from the Borough Councils or should Borough Councils go direct to them?

Whilst I am on my feet, I obviously don't take the view of printing money as you have said Jeremy Corbyn wants to do so presumably you support that, neither do I support the idea of scrapping supporting renewable energy. You mentioned "fair wind". Perhaps we should be using "blue sky" thinking for our renewable energy?

The Leader responded as follows:-

Just to reassure Councillor Lomax, we are working with East Midlands' Councils as well so we are in communication with them. As you say, across the East Midlands area they are pulling together the efforts of all Councils, so yes, they are aware of the offer we have made and we are working with them. The second point about District and Borough Councils we are not co-ordinating that so, if Borough Councils are doing something, I think that is great and that is to their credit and they should keep on doing it.

In relation to renewable energy policy, obviously I have mentioned solar energy. We want to extend that. We are looking at biomass energy, in particular hydro energy. We have the natural resources and the land area. I am very interested that Nottingham City Council have just set up an energy company to sell energy to people, Robin Hood Energy. I have had very initial talks with their Leader about "If we generate the energy you could sell it" and then we would get an even better deal for consumers. That is the "blue sky" thinking you are talking about, just to reassure you that we are doing that.

By Councillor S Bradford:-

A few weeks ago you gave authority to set up the Innovation Team. Hopefully that is moving at a speed you find acceptable. Have you any idea when there might be some output from that team of people?

The Leader responded as follows:-

Yes, the team has been set up. The appointments have been made, the secondments have been made. It is not new staff we are recruiting we are just moving people from other departments into that team. They have drawn up a workplan and service departments are feeding in in terms of areas that they would like some investigation or some review of. They are also picking up on the suggestions that came in from people who work for the Council. We did set up a mechanism through which people can email in suggestions of how we could save money or do things better, so they are following up all those strands and we are confident that we will see some results in the near future.

Certainly when we get the plans formalised we will be bringing that back so you will be able to see it and comment on it.

By Councillor B Lewis:-

I am very glad to see you have finally - and I know you have done it on Twitter - but finally expressed your pride in the win of Jeremy Corbyn nationally because I think that expresses to the rest of Derbyshire just how utterly divorced from reality this administration is.

Now then Corbyn, as we know, and it has already been alluded to, thinks that the solution to the national economic crisis is printing more money. That has never happened in a good sense for any nation that has ever done it before. The Living Wage - you have campaigned for this over a number of years and now a Conservative Government is finally delivering it. How did you think if your Government was going to be delivering it it was going to be paid for in the first place? This is what I mean, there is no sense of reality about where money comes from with this Authority at the moment.

What I really wanted to talk about, though, were some of the aspects of the Combined Authority and I am staying away from the politics of this because it is more about the confusion of the process at the moment. We got our documentation in on 4 September, that is fine. We now understand we are in the process and we are probably one of the lead Authorities who are going to get to the front of the queue, which is great, but what is confusing people I think at the moment is a lot of detail seems to be up in the air. The landscape is an ever changing landscape, it is changing underneath our feet and we don't really quite understand what is going on with it. The Government is talking about core cities and how they are going to be the sort of focus of these new Combined Authorities. They are talking about elected Mayors, whether that is going to be imposed on county Combined Authorities or not and it seems that that is non-negotiable at the moment anyway so how do we deal with that sort of aspect?

The confusion I think also extends across a wider area in terms of are we going to be drawn into some kind of East Midlands' type body devolution deal, I think we need to understand that and, indeed, are we going to be drawn into something that is even bigger than that perhaps across a Mercian region? I know some discussions have been undertaken already.

I think it would be useful if we could just get some context for all of this, not just from what we understand but writing to Ministers and getting complete clarity on where they think they are going with the devolution and Combined Authorities. We wholeheartedly agree over here that

there is a lot of confusion about this issue but I think as an Authority so far advanced down this track we ought to have more clarity and it ought to be considered that that is the most important thing we get at this point before we go any further with this.

The Leader responded as follows:-

Yes, I did vote for Jeremy Corbyn and I was very pleased to see his wonderful convincing victory. When I addressed 1,000 people in Derby Roundhouse a few weeks ago supporting Jeremy Corbyn, 1,000 people at a political meeting, I did say how nice it was to be part of the political mainstream actually. I think the fact that 60,000 people have joined the Labour Party within the last week does speak for itself. I think it isn't me that is not living in reality I think maybe you need to wake up and see the way the wind is blowing with that one.

The Living Wage, the national minimum Living Wage that the Chancellor has introduced is not actually the Living Wage. It is a diluted version of it. The trick pulled again by this Government is they have announced it but they are not going to pay for it. They have announced it but they give us another problem to deliver it. That is the issue. I know and I believe that if the Labour Government had come in and introduced the Living Wage that would have been funded and we would not be facing this problem, but there you go.

In relation to the confusion around devolution if you can get some clarity from your Ministers I would really welcome that because there is no clarity. There is no sense that anybody knows where this is going. That is a challenge and it is a threat at the same time. It is an opportunity I guess in some ways. I firmly believe that we are right to be leading the way on this. There is no discussion about anything across the Mersey region or the East Midlands or anything. We are a Derby/Derbyshire, Nottingham/Nottinghamshire scale and that is the appropriate scale. That is the same scale as the Local Enterprise Partnership and that is where it sits, but in terms of process it is extremely confusing and extremely unclear. It changes day by day. We have a really strong team of people working across those Authorities to pull this together and they are responding to the demands that are being made by the Government but honestly this is the Chancellor in action again. I do not know what he would do if he was in charge of a brewery!

By Councillor S A Spencer:-

I have heard what the Leader of the Council has said with regard to the devolution process we seem to be going through. Yes, I do think there is a huge amount of confusion and anything we can do to unravel

that confusion we will attempt to do but one thing I have to ask and one thing I have to understand is if this is so confused and nobody knows what the consequences of it are what are we doing signing up to it?

I know Philip Atkins from Staffordshire County Council has already been in discussion about a Mercian Region which cuts across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire. I understand there have been rumours with regard to the inclusion of Leicestershire in our LEP, there is all sorts of misinformation floating around from all sorts of bodies. I think that information came from John Collins at Nottingham City Council so we are going round in circles and everybody has a different version, *if* there is so much confusion, *if* we are not sure what we are signing up to what on earth are we doing going down this cul-de-sac not knowing the final outcome?

The Leader responded as follows:-

It is interesting to know that Councillor Spencer thinks that one of his Government's flagship plans is a "cul-de-sac" really, I think that is very illuminating. There was an initial suggestion of working with Leicestershire but Leicestershire are not in a position that they are ready to do that so that is not on the table any more. I have spoken to Councillor Atkins from Staffordshire a couple of weeks ago. His plans are very tentative at the moment and there isn't a great deal of substance to them in terms of the work that is required. As I said earlier we have done about 18 months' work now to form Combined Authorities that gives us the confidence that the local authorities will work together. We have proved that, and it is not something that has just been put together on the back of a fag packet, so to speak, it is something with some substance. John Collins is in fact the Leader of Nottingham City Council, that is how confused it can get in some circles, so to answer the question why sign up to it then if we do not know where we are going? Well there are two reasons why. One is, I have just said, if we do not do this we know what the outcome is, we know it is cuts, cuts, cuts, more cuts and no means of dealing with them, no way of bringing in extra resource, no way of shoring up some of the services that we want to protect so that is the alternative we just sit back and await our fate, do nothing and then we know what the outcome will be. That is the first thing.

The second thing we are a county area. We are a big geographic area with a strong economy but we are surrounded by big cities. We have Manchester up in the north west, we have Sheffield to the north east and we have Nottingham and Birmingham beyond that to the south. Those areas are getting deals. They will get deals. They will get this devolution and they will get this additional resource and power

to do things. I am not prepared to see Derbyshire wither away without those powers and without those opportunities.

We focus yet again on the structures around these deals but the content of the deal is what matters. We are talking about improving the skills of our young people; we are talking about creating better quality jobs for people in Derbyshire, including people with learning disabilities I have to say. We are really keen to make sure we include everybody in that. We are talking about better transport links. We are talking about better infrastructure. We are talking about appropriate affordable energy efficient housing for people in places where they need to live. We are talking about better bus services. We are talking about all those things potentially. We either choose not to take the chance, not to be brave, to sit back and know what we are going to get, which is next to nothing, or we take a chance, we show some leadership and we go for it and we try to manage that process as best we can working with a Government that doesn't really know where it is going but we know where we need to be. We will steer that process as best we can and get the best deal we can for Derbyshire people.

By Councillor W Major:-

I just want a point of clarification. On one of the answers to a question you said there has been no discussion about a cross-Mercian Combined Authority but just then you indicated that you have had discussions with Staffordshire so can you just clarify that please?

The Leader responded as follows:-

Councillor Atkins asked to see me so he came over from Staffordshire a couple of weeks ago. We had an informal conversation about a number of things. He didn't describe it as a "Mercian arrangement". We talked about the West Midlands and the different plans that were forming there. I told him about the Derby/Derbyshire plans. He has said to me in the past that he was very sceptical when I first started talking about Derby/Derbyshire Combined Authority but he wishes now that he had taken the same approach. We talked about some specifics around transport routes but there wasn't any what you would call formal consultation or conversation at all about forming a "Mercian". It is only today when you have mentioned it from your Group that I have heard that phrase used. There is a lot of speculation and a lot of conversations going on but there is nothing more than that that has involved me.

61/15 PUBLIC QUESTIONS There were no public questions.

62/15 RECEIPT OF PETITION The Council had received a petition containing over 9000 signatures headed 'Save Our School Crossing Patrols in Derbyshire'. Since the petition contained more than 7,500 signatures and a Full Council debate had been requested, the Council's Petition Scheme provided that the petition organiser be given five minutes to present the petition and it would then be discussed by Members for 15 minutes.

Where a petition related to issues upon which the Cabinet was required to make the final decision, the Council would decide whether to make recommendations to inform that decision. In this instance, Cabinet made its final decision on 7 July 2015 following extensive consultation and so the Council was asked to consider whether to invite Cabinet to review its decision.

In considering the petition, Members were advised that, at its meeting on 7 July, Cabinet had been informed about the petition (together with a number of smaller petitions) and had the benefit of the attendance at the meeting of the petition organiser and others.

The petition organiser, Lisa Blakemore, attended the meeting to present and speak in support of the petition.

Members debated the matter.

Moved by Councillor S A Spencer, duly seconded:-

That the matter be reconsidered by Cabinet based on the information received at Council.

At the request of at least 5 Members, a recorded vote was taken and recorded as follows:-

For the motion (17) – Councillors S J Bradford, S Bull, K Buttery, Mrs L M Chilton, S J Ellis, M Ford, Mrs C A Hart, T A Kemp, B Lewis, W Major, R A Parkinson, Mrs J E Patten, S A Spencer, Mrs J S Street, D H Taylor, Mrs J A Twigg and D Walton.

Against the motion (40) – Councillors D Allen, Mrs E Atkins, Mrs G Birkin, Ms C Bisknell, Mrs S L Blank, Mrs M W Booth, A Botham, S Brittain, Mrs D W E Charles, D Collins, Mrs C M Cox, J A Coyle, R Davison, J E Dixon, P Dunn, S Freeborn, J A Frudd, Mrs P A Gilby, K Gillott, D T Greenhalgh, Mrs Janet A Hill, Ms Julie A Hill, R L Hosker, P Jones, Mrs K D Lauro, D Lomax, S Marshall-Clarke, D McGregor, K P Morgan, R R Mihaly, J R Owen, Mrs I Ratcliffe, B Ridgway, P J Smith,

Mrs M Stockdale, Ms A Western, D J Wilcox, D A Williams, J G Williams and B Wright.

Abstained (0)

The motion was declared to be lost.

63/15 TERMS OF REFERENCE OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Derbyshire HWB had developed significantly since the original Terms of Reference were agreed in 2013. The membership of the Board had been widened to include representatives from NHS provider organisations, Fire Service and from the Voluntary and Community Sector. In addition, changes to both governance and meeting structures have changed as a result of the outcomes of the Local Government Association Peer Challenge undertaken in 2014. Consequently, the Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board had been revised and updated to reflect these changes.

In addition, progress in relation to the integration of the health and care system had moved forward and transformation programmes led by the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in the north and south of the county and in Tameside and Glossop had been established.

Revised Terms of Reference were presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board as a draft for comment in May 2015 and were finalised at the July 2015 meeting, subject to approval by the Council. These Terms of Reference would be reviewed annually and any future significant changes would require approval by the Council.

On the motion of Councillor Ms A Western, duly seconded,

RESOLVED that the Terms of Reference for the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board be approved.

64/15 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2014/15

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 required the Director of Finance to certify the pre-audit Statement of Accounts by 30 June and required the Audit Committee to approve the post-audit version before 30 September. At the planning stage of the audit, it was agreed with the external auditors, KPMG, that, like the previous year, the timetable for completion of the accounts would be accelerated; the Statement of Accounts would be certified and available for audit three weeks earlier than the statutory deadline and Audit Committee approval would also be scheduled to take place a month earlier than the previous year. Both these deadlines were achieved, with no accounting adjustments required.

The Accounts and Audit Regulations had been amended which would result in an earlier timetable for the preparation and publication of the Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2017-18. Local authorities would need to bring forward the certification and approval deadlines to 31 May and 31 July, respectively. The Council was well placed to ensure that it met the revised statutory deadlines.

The Statement of Accounts were made available for public inspection for four weeks from 8 June 2015 and no queries were raised.

The audit of the Statement of Accounts was completed within the planned timescale and the external auditors presented their 'Report to those charged with governance 2014-15' and audit opinion to members of the Audit Committee on 4 August 2015. There were no material changes to the Statement of Accounts and only three recommendations of improvement.

In response to the recommendations made, the Council's proposed actions to respond were reported.

On the motion of Councillor Ms A Western, duly seconded,

RESOLVED to note the report, the external auditor's 'Report to those charged with governance 2014-15' and the approved Statement of Accounts 2014-15.

65/15 LOCAL PENSION BOARD At its meeting on 8 April 2015 the Council approved the establishment of a Local Pension Board and the Terms of Reference for the Board. The Terms of Reference provide that the Board shall consist of four voting Board members, made up of two Pension Scheme Employer representatives and two Pension Scheme Member representatives, together with a non-voting independent chair.

At its meeting on 3 June 2015 Council approved the appointment of Ms Karen Gurney and Mr Nick Read, whose appointment was supported by Unison, GMB, Unite and UCATT, as the two member representatives.

The recruitment and selection process for employer representatives had continued and it was recommended that Mr Michael Nelson, the Avarto nominee and Mr James Watson, the Pinxton Parish Council nominee should be appointed as the employer representatives on the Local Pension Board.

The position of Independent Chair of the Local Pension Board would be a paid position. Following interview, it was recommended that Mr Ronald Graham should be appointed to the position of Independent

Chair. Mr Graham's proposed remuneration was £8,000 for eight days work in the initial one year term with anything over the eight days being by prior agreement at the same daily rate.

On the motion of Councillor Ms A Western, duly seconded,

RESOLVED that the Council approves (1) the appointment of Mr Michael Nelson and Mr James Watson as Scheme Employer Representatives to the Local Government Pension Board for Derbyshire for a two year term; and

(2) the appointment of Mr Ronald Graham as the Independent Chair of the Local Pension Board for Derbyshire for a one year term on the terms outlined above.

66/15 APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUNGER ADULTS

At its meeting on 3 December 2014, Council agreed to commence the recruitment process for the Strategic Director roles in both CAYA and Adult Care. The appointment to the established post of Strategic Director of Adult Care has been completed and Council confirmed this appointment at its meeting on 3 June 2015.

At its meeting on 26 May 2015 Cabinet agreed to delay recruitment to the Strategic Director CAYA role and to make an internal temporary appointment to the post up to 31 March 2016 or until an appointment to the established post being made, whichever was the earlier date.

Following an appointment process in accordance with the Council's policies, the Appointments Panel recommended the appointment of Ian Johnson, who has been undertaking the role on an acting basis since the departure of the previous Strategic Director in December 2014.

The recruitment to the substantive post of Strategic Director of Children Services had commenced by way of national advertisement to enable an appointment to be made before 1 April 2016.

On the motion of Councillor Ms A Western, duly seconded,

RESOLVED to (1) approve the appointment of Mr Ian Johnson as temporary Strategic Director of Children and Younger Adults; and

(2) to note the process for recruiting to the post of Strategic Director of Children and Younger Adults Services.

67/15 WAIVER OF CALL-IN PROVISIONS

of Councillor Ms A Western, duly seconded,

On the motion

RESOLVED to note the report on the agreements to waive the call-in provisions.

68/15 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES The Chair agreed to the consideration of this matter as an urgent item in view of the fact that meetings were to be held shortly.

Moved by Councillor Ms A Western, duly seconded,

(1) that Councillor K Gillott be appointed as a representative of the County Council on the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority to replace Councillor T Southerd; and

(2) that Councillor P Dunn be appointed as a representative of the County Council on the Derby and Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee to replace Councillor J Dixon; and to note the attendance of Councillor T Southerd at meetings of the Joint Advisory Committee as an observer.

Moved by Councillor S A Spencer, duly seconded,

To amend the proposal and re-appoint Councillor T Southerd to the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

The Chair ruled that the proposed amendment moved by Councillor Spencer should not be put to the vote as it was negative to the original motion.

The matter was debated.

Moved by Councillor B Ridgway, duly seconded, that the vote be now put.

The closure motion was put to the vote and declared to be carried.

On the motion of Councillor Ms A Western, duly seconded,

RESOLVED (1) that Councillor K Gillott be appointed as a representative of the County Council on the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority to replace Councillor T Southerd; and

(2) that Councillor P Dunn be appointed as a representative of the County Council on the Derby and Derbyshire Development Plans Joint Advisory Committee to replace Councillor J Dixon; and to note the attendance of Councillor T Southerd at meetings of the Joint Advisory Committee as an observer.

At the request of at least 5 Members, a recorded vote was taken and recorded as follows:-

For the motion (32) – Councillors D Allen, Ms C Bisknell, Mrs S L Blank, Mrs M W Booth, A Botham, S Brittain, Mrs D W E Charles, D Collins, J A Coyle, R Davison, J E Dixon, P Dunn, S Freeborn, Mrs P A Gilby, K Gillott, D T Greenhalgh, Mrs Janet A Hill, R L Hosker, P Jones, S Marshall-Clarke, D McGregor, R R Mihaly, J R Owen, Mrs I Ratcliffe, B Ridgway, P J Smith, Mrs M Stockdale, Ms A Western, D J Wilcox, D A Williams, J G Williams and B Wright.

Against the motion (18) – Councillors Mrs E Atkins, S J Bradford, S Bull, K Buttery, Mrs L M Chilton, S J Ellis, M Ford, Mrs C A Hart, T A Kemp, B Lewis, D Lomax, W Major, K P Morgan, Mrs J E Patten, S A Spencer, Mrs J S Street, D H Taylor and Mrs J A Twigg.

Abstained (0)

69/15 REPORT OF CABINET AND MEMBERS' QUESTIONS ON THE REPORT

Councillor A Western, Leader of the Council, presented a report on the decisions that had been taken at meetings on Cabinet held on 16 June, 7 and 28 July and 1 September 2015.

There were no questions on the report.

On the motion of Councillor A Western, duly seconded,

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

70/15 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (1) Council Question from Councillor J S Street to Councillor J A Coyle, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:

In 2010 the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire agreed with Sheffield City Council that the Company would endeavour to connect schools more firmly to business. The “Made in Sheffield” project was duly launched. This embeds work skills into the curriculum through real-life projects, work placements, internships and greater engagement between businesses and schools. Three years on students from 13 different schools are being mentored in a structured 2 year work programme in 11 different sectors including manufacturing and engineering companies, the Inland Revenue and the NHS. More than 150 students were presented with “passports to employment “ certificates at a ceremony at the Cutlers Hall this year having completed the programme. They are now ambassadors for the scheme, which works with over 500 students and is actively supported by the

Universities of Sheffield and Hallam. The programme is designed to encourage young people to achieve their full potential whilst providing employers with the home-grown talent they need to grow. As an added bonus the project has enhanced the links between business, Sheffield City Council and the universities. The people involved in this project are willing and keen to provide what experience, expertise and help they can to assist the creation of similar schemes.

Does the Cabinet Member feel that this is an avenue that should be explored to the benefit of Derbyshire's young people?

Councillor Coyle responded as follows:-

We are absolutely and totally committed to helping guide young people to reach their full potential, all our young people in Derbyshire. We already commit a considerable amount of resource into this very important area. Only this week we are running Derbyshire's largest Skills Festival in both Derby and Chesterfield. The Council has helped over 9,000 young people to take a work experience in the last year. 34 of Derbyshire's secondary schools access our Careers Advice and Guidance Service. The Raising Aspirations project has been rolled out to ten secondary schools across Derbyshire and it will see closer links between students, schools and the local business community. In recent years, over 320 young people have secured apprenticeships within the Council and over 70 in 2015 alone. The Council has a grant for Employers Scheme to support the county's private sector in recruiting over 300 young people to successfully complete an apprenticeship. In 2014 the Council supported the Made in Chesterfield project which was a celebration of the manufacturing industry in Chesterfield. Over 350 students, 45 teachers and 15 Derbyshire schools and 10 employers are involved and this project will run again in November this year. Finally, the Council Leader actually chairs the Employment and Skills Board, so that is how important you have to take that as an area.

Earlier this month the Cabinet approved what I believe to be the first ever county wide Youth Employment strategy which pulls together the good work of the Council and our partners in supporting young people's successful transition from education to employment, but we are not complacent and I can confirm to Councillor Street that we will always examine and explore examples of good practice such as 'Made in Sheffield' to see how our services could be changed or adapted to secure stronger outcomes for our young people so yes, we will have a look at them.

A supplementary question was asked as follows:-

I am well aware of what this Council does and I applaud all the officers and the councillors who are involved in it. I think Councillor Coyle agrees with me that if somebody is offering us additional expertise and help - which chimes in with the assessed aims of the Derbyshire Youth Council - I am sure he will agree with me that we would be well advised to accept any assistance.

Councillor Coyle responded as follows:-

I do agree with you, yes

(2) Council Question from Councillor S A Spencer to Councillor A Western, Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget:

Over the past few months Councillor Western has been championing devolved powers and responsibilities and the benefits that this will bring to communities, will she commit to applying those same principles with regard to outside bodies that this Council has representation upon?

Councillor Western responded as follows:-

The answer to that is a qualified 'yes'

A supplementary question was asked as follows:-

Perhaps the Leader of the Council could explain to Council if she is applying those very same principles to the outside bodies we have representation on, that when decisions are made by Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chairman she has instructed those individuals in Councillor Hosker's case who has done a sterling job with little support from his Vice-Chairman over the last two years and Councillor Southerd who has been appointed Vice-Chairman to fall on their swords tomorrow.

Councillor Western responded as follows:-

The reason why I gave a qualified 'yes' was because obviously I value the principles of devolved powers and responsibilities where bodies work within the recognised conventions and protocols. I will take no lectures from your Group. I was really pleased in the earlier discussion that you said the Fire Authority members had thought long and hard because my predecessor, the former Leader of this Council, did not think long and hard in 2009 when he phoned up the wrong member of your Group and offered him the Chair of the Fire Authority and then had to reverse it. If we are talking about influence and intervention by Leaders of Councils what about the time when the former Conservative Leader of this Council put inordinate pressure on the Fire Authority and the Chief Fire Officer to accept the Council Tax

Freeze Grant against the express advice of the Chief Fire Officer, so get your own house in order before you start criticising this one.

71/15 MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES AND
OTHER BODIES On the motion of Councillor S Freeborn, duly seconded,

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meetings be received:-

- (a) Regulatory – Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 27 July 2015
- (b) Regulatory – Planning Committee held on 8 June, 13 July and 10 August 2015
- (c) Standards Committee held on 22 July 2015
- (d) Pensions and Investment Committee held on 10 June and 29 July 2015
- (e) Audit Committee held on 21 July and 4 August 2015
- (f) Health and Wellbeing Board held on 9 July 2015
- (g) Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel held on 16 July 2015
- (h) Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority held on 26 March 2015
- (i) D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity held on 17 April and 17 June 2015