

MINUTES of the meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**
held on 3 December 2014 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor S Freeborn – in the Chair

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

75/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs D Charles, M Ford, A I Lewer and D J Wilcox.

76/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest.

77/14 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The following announcements were made:-

- (1) Councillor David Taylor, the newly elected Conservative Member for the Derwent and Alport Division, was welcomed to his first meeting of the County Council.
- (2) Councillor Walter Burrows had sadly passed away on 22 October 2014. Members observed a minute's silence in his memory and tributes were made.
- (3) Ian Thomas, Strategic Director - Children and Younger Adults was leaving the County Council to take up the position of Director of Children's Services at Rotherham MBC. Council thanked Ian for the contribution he had made to the work of the Department and the Council as a whole and wished him all the very best in his new post.

(4) Council congratulated Councillor David Allen on his recent marriage.

(5) A presentation was made to Paul Mason, former Chair of Derbyshire School Governors' Association to recognise his long and outstanding contribution to governance and the effective partnership between the Council and the Derbyshire School Governors' Association.

(6) The 'Technology Then, Technology Now' project had won Highly Commended in the Derbyshire Heritage Awards 2014 in the category of Young People in Heritage. Georgina Greaves from Derbyshire Environmental Studies Service and Sukie Khaira from the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site team were presented with the certificate on behalf of the young people involved.

(7) Officers from CAYA had won the national Local Authority Children's Team of the Year Award organised by Children & Young People Now. Javid Iqbal, Karen Graves, Jude Kelf, Caroline Sweeting and Lesley Houghton were congratulated on receiving their award.

(8) Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Police Kilburn Safer Neighbourhood Team had been recognised in the Modeshift National Travel Awards. Rob Bounds, Senior Transport Officer and John Midgley - PSCO from Kilburn Safer Neighbourhood Team, received a presentation.

(9) Presentations were made to County Council Social Workers Jeanette Jackson and Edie North and colleagues who had won accolades in the prestigious National Social Worker of the Year Awards.

78/14 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 1 October 2014 be confirmed.

79/14 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor A Western, Leader of the Council, reported on the progress made on the funding of the Buxton Crescent development and the development of the proposed Derby and Derbyshire Combined Authority.

80/14 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

(1) Question from Phil Taylor to Councillor K Gillott, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People:

Governing Bodies of Derbyshire County Council schools are responsible for agreeing and approving policies for use within schools. More often than not these are based on template policies produced by the County Council and are therefore robust and designed to provide protection for all parties affected by any given matter covered by the policy.

Once such policies are approved by the Governing Body, does a Head Teacher have the freedom to ignore a policy or act in contravention of it if they, in their professional judgement, believe that the good management of the school requires them to do so?

Councillor Gillott responded as follows:-

I would just like to make a general comment with regards to the two questions before me today because it may not seem it on paper, but these two questions are actually linked and they are linked back to what the Leader has just said.

What we have here are two people who feel aggrieved about what is happening in their community and they want to take action about it because they think it is the right thing to do and who do they turn to when they want to take action: well, quite rightly, they turn to their locally democratically elected Council, but the problem is power no longer lies with this Authority to determine either of these two questions. Power has been taken away from us both individually and collectively and now rests with the Secretary of State in London. That is clearly wrong, there is a democratic deficit there, so it is not just about devolving money down to local authorities, it is about devolving powers down here so that local people can take local decisions and be held accountable for them by the electorate and empowering people. That is my general comment.

Coming to your question in particular, Mr Taylor, you are quite right the County Council does come up with model template policies that most schools in the County adopt either in whole or in part. That is their choice. We don't impose that upon them but that is the choice they make. When they do adopt those policies, like any other public authority, they will be expected to follow that policy unless there is a particular reason for not doing so. If somebody within that school chooses not to follow it, whether it is the Head, a teacher or the governing body itself, then it is a matter for the school through its complaints procedure and its policies to deal with it. If the school does not deal with it, then people like you can come to us, we will talk informally to the school, we will give them advice and guidance, but it is a matter for the school itself to decide whether or not to accept it. There are a few very very limited exceptions as prescribed by regulations

about that, that is where the local authority does have a role, but if a headteacher, or indeed anybody else at the school, decides not to follow the policy and nothing is done about it by the school, the regulations are quite clear: the local authority does not act as the appellant body in this case, it does not have an oversight role, it is a matter for a formal complaint to be made to the Secretary of State and for him or her to then deal with it.

A supplementary question was asked as follows:

Thank you for your response in actually setting out some of the real issues about the lack of accountability in many ways of schools and potentially their governing bodies if they choose not to follow the procedures that they have approved. It raises a really important question for me because I raised a matter regarding safeguarding within schools and I was assured by the County Council that all schools are required to have in place robust policies and procedures to deal with that. Given what you are saying, there is nobody who can actually ensure they are put in place, that assurance is actually worthless and therefore the question I put is, can the County Council assure me and others that in reality and actually I want in a sense evidence rather than assurances, that the children within our schools are in fact safe because safeguarding policies are being adhered to, if head teachers and governing bodies have the freedom to decide whether or not they are going to pursue the policies that they have formally approved?

Councillor Gillott responded as follows:-

Safeguarding is one of the few exceptions. Wherever a safeguarding issue is referred to this Authority we will investigate it. Irrespective of what the policy is of the individual school concerned, this Authority will carry out a full investigation and deal with it appropriately. So in answer to your question, if an individual case is referred to us it does not matter what the policy is, the Local Authority will fulfil its statutory duties and investigate that particular incident and take whatever action is necessary.

(2) Question from Kate Stanley to Councillor K Gillott, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Would this Council please recognise the outstanding work carried out by the staff, governors, pupils and parents of Castle View Primary School? Would they acknowledge that the unnecessary disruption caused by the attempted forced academy status within our school and join our fight against this?

Councillor Gillott responded as follows:-

You asked me before we started whether I would give a 'yes' or 'no' answer. I won't give you a 'yes' or 'no' answer but the answer is 'yes'. Not only do I recognise the work that has been done at the School by the staff, the governors, the community with the support of this Authority, you don't have to take my word for it, you simply have to look at the two recent Ofsted reports which speak very highly of the work that is done and the School is on course to come out of a category.

I would like to use this opportunity though to go a little bit further, if you would let me, because it is an opportunity to put on record my personal opposition and the opposition of this administration, to what is happening in Derbyshire in terms of forced academisation. It is not needed in this County at all. We have a very strong track record of working with our schools and making a difference. If we had more powers and resources to go with it not only could we help the schools come out of categories quicker, we could actually prevent more schools from going into a category.

What is happening at your school is being repeated throughout the County now and at an increasing level. Schools are being forced to academise as part of the political agenda in the dying days of this Tory Government. You have asked will we give you support through this Authority? Yes, we will give you support wherever the law allows. Outside of this Authority you have the full political support of the Labour Group led by your local Member in Matlock.

There was no supplementary question.

81/14 RECEIPT OF PETITIONS No petitions had been received.

82/14 RECRUITMENT OF STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF ADULT CARE AND STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUNGER ADULTS **RESOLVED** (1) to note the process for recruiting to the posts of Strategic Director of Adult Care and Strategic Director of Children and Younger Adults;
(2) to confirm the appointment of Ian Johnson as Acting Strategic Director of Children and Younger Adults with effect from 1 January 2015 to 30 June 2015; and
(3) to confirm the extension of the appointment of Mary McElvaney as Acting Strategic Director of Adult Care to 30 June 2015.

83/14 COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR APPOINTMENTS
Arising from the changes to the membership of Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members implemented by the Leader, it was necessary to make appointments as follows:-

Chair of Pensions and Investments Committee - Councillor S Marshall-Clarke
Vice-Chair of Pensions and Investments Committee – Councillor D J Wilcox
Chair of Audit Committee – Councillor S Brittain
Vice-Chair of Audit Committee – Councillor D Williams
Vice-Chair of Regulatory Licensing and Appeals Committee – Councillor Janet Hill
Vice-Chair of Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places – Councillor M Booth

In addition, Council was also asked to approve the appointment of Councillor Julie Hill as the County Council's member of the Police and Crime Panel, replacing Councillor T Southerd. Councillor P Smith was standing down as co-opted member of the Panel; the co-option of a new member would be a matter for the Panel with Councillor J Frudd being the Council's nominee for the position.

Councillor P Smith was also standing down as a member of the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Councillor S Marshall-Clarke would be appointed in his place

RESOLVED (1) to approve the appointments to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Council Committees as set out above;

(2) that Councillor Julie Hill be appointed as the representative on the Police and Crime Panel and Councillor J Frudd be the Council's nominee for co-option by the Panel; and

(3) that Councillor S Marshall-Clarke be appointed to the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

84/14 JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY The Greater Manchester Association of Clinical Commissioning Groups had notified the Chief Executives of the Greater Manchester Local Authorities of its intention to carry out a statutory consultation on the proposed reconfiguration of some hospital services across Greater Manchester, under the auspices of the Healthier Together Programme.

In accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, this required the formation of joint scrutiny arrangements across the areas affected by the proposals. The Greater Manchester Authorities set up a Joint Health Scrutiny Panel for the purposes of scrutinising the NHS in Greater Manchester. It was determined that this Panel should become the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the Healthier Together Programme. This Panel had been renamed The Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. In accordance with the

Regulations, only the Joint Committee would have the opportunity to respond to consultation regarding the reconfiguration of the services.

The reconfiguration of hospital services would affect Derbyshire residents living in the High Peak. Therefore, in order for the County Council to participate in the consultation programme, the Council must become a member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. Approval was therefore sought for the County Council to become a member of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the Healthier Together Consultation.

RESOLVED (1) that the County Council become a member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee;
(2) to approve and adopt the terms of reference of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee; and
(3) to nominate Councillor C Bisknell as the member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for Derbyshire County Council.

85/14 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

RESOLVED to approve the appointment of Mr Denis Heaney, Mr Andrew Sharpe and Mr Simon Westwood to the Independent Remuneration Panel for a four year period.

**86/14 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION –
RECORDING AND REPORTING OF MEETINGS**

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 came into force in August 2014 and made provision to allow members of the public and members of the press to record and report on local authority meetings using any communication method, including the internet, and to publish, post or otherwise share the report. Recording could include taking photographs, tweeting, filming or making an audio recording of the meeting.

Reporting could include relaying any recording made to enable others not present at the meeting to see or hear it either at the same time as the meeting was taking place or afterwards; or providing oral or written commentary on the meeting. However, authorities were given a discretion not to allow a person to make an oral report or commentary, if that person was actually present at the meeting.

The Regulations also placed a duty on the Authority to afford reasonable facilities for the recording and reporting of meetings and they applied to all public meetings of the Council and Cabinet, as well as their committees and sub-committees.

Although the Council already adopted an open approach, the current Procedure Rules as detailed within the Constitution, did not currently

address the question of recording at public meetings. Relevant Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) guidance was presented.

Therefore, it was proposed to amend the Constitution as follows:

1) Article 3 – Citizens and the Council (page 14 and 15) be amended to read:

(b) Information - Citizens have the right to:

(i) attend, record and report on meetings of the Council and Committees except where confidential or exempt information is likely to be disclosed and the meeting is therefore held in private;

(ii) attend, record and report on meetings of the executive except where confidential or exempt information is likely to be disclosed and the meeting is therefore held in private;

2) Council Procedure Rules

a) Insert a new clause 2.1 to the Council Procedure Rules (at page 90) so that paragraph 2 reads as follows (additional wording underlined):

2. General meetings of the Council will take place in accordance with the programme of meetings decided at the Council's Annual Meeting.

All meetings will be held at County Hall, Matlock, commencing at 2pm.

2.1 Members of the public may record and report on meetings which members of the public are allowed to attend. However, oral reporting or oral commentary during meetings is not permitted as this would be disruptive to the good order of the meeting and such conduct would be considered to be disorderly in accordance with clause 15.

b) Paragraph 17.8 (at page 98) of the Council's Procedure Rules be amended to include reference to the new paragraph 2.1 so that meetings of committees and sub-committees of Council are also covered by the new provision.

3). Executive Procedure Rules (page 122)

Paragraph 1.7 – Public or private meetings of the executive (at page 122) be amended in similar fashion to paragraph 2 of the Council Procedure Rules so that meetings of the Cabinet and its committees comply with the new Regulations.

RESOLVED to (1) note the new Regulations and guidance produced by the DCLG; and

(2) approve and adopt the proposed amendments to the Constitution

87/14 BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15

RESOLVED to note the 2014/15 budget monitoring position at 31 August 2014.

88/14 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

RESOLVED to note the current position on the monitoring of capital schemes.

89/14 PRESENTATIONS There were no presentations.

90/14 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 30 September, 21 October and 4 November 2014.

No questions had been received.

On the motion of Councillor A Western, duly seconded,

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

91/14 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

(1) Questions to Councillor P Smith, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care from Councillor W Major

(i) In 2001, the then Labour administration set a benchmark test for our Care Homes, the 2001 Best Value Review of Residential Homes for Older People, which resulted in Labour closing eight Care Homes. In February 2012, twelve other Care Homes were proposed to be closed under your 2001 Best Value of Residential Homes for Older People as they didn't meet minimum standards. At the time a £200m investment plan by the then Conservative administration would have created state of the art facilities to replenish our lost capacity. The Care Homes are as follows:-

Ada Belfield (Belper), Rowthorne (Swanwick), The Glebe (Alfreton), The Willows (Ripley), East Clune (Clowne), Red House (Chesterfield), The Leys (Ashbourne), Briar Close (Borrowash), Hillcrest (Erewash), Ladycross House (Sandiacre), Southlands (Erewash), Goyt Valley House (High Peak)

How many of Derbyshire's most vulnerable residents have you placed long term in these homes since May 2013, when you know these homes don't meet minimum standards?

Councillor Smith responded as follows:-

Firstly, I would like to question where the £200m investment plan came from bearing in mind you know it was an aspirational figure that we are

talking about? You ask a question in relation to “How many vulnerable residents have you placed long-term in these homes since May 2013, when you know these homes don’t meet the minimum standard?” I can assure you all these homes listed, and every home that is under the control of Derbyshire County Council, meet the current Care Quality Commission regulatory minimum standard. We wouldn’t be able to place people into these residential homes if it didn’t. I don’t know where you are coming from with this. Well I have an idea: politics. This is what it boils down to, playing politics with vulnerable adults.

You have produced a list here with no evidence whatsoever of what you are saying and the question you are asking. I can tell you here and now that they all meet the minimum standard that is required by a regulatory body

A supplementary question was asked as follows:-

As you don’t seem to wish to answer the question of how many residents have been placed long-term in these homes, I wonder if I could help you a bit. Is the number 328?

Councillor Smith responded as follows:-

I think you have just answered it for me, thank you very much. Again I will reiterate, there are no vulnerable residents in these homes that you are saying are sub-standard.

(ii) Does the Cabinet Member know how many empty beds we have in our Care Homes and how much it’s costing to fund those empty beds. If he does know, can he now share this information with the Council?

Councillor Smith responded as follows:-

Yes, currently we have 27 empty beds out of a total of 663 places available in our residential homes.

A supplementary question was asked as follows:-

Would it be possible to get the breakdown of the list of which homes have empty beds and in a timely fashion as I was told previously that it was confidential information?

Councillor Smith responded as follows:-

Yes, I could try and do that for you but occupancy levels fluctuate. On average, we actually work to a percentage of 90% occupancy across the County throughout our Care Homes. As I say, we have staffing

levels to that amount. We do keep levels available in terms of beds for emergencies and for anything that happens, for respite care and for families needing an emergency placement. At this point I am not able to give it to you, but if you would like to have a discussion with me outside the meeting, I will certainly look at your question again.

(iii) Given the poor state of some of our Care Homes, is the new Cabinet Member disappointed that the last Cabinet Member dragged her feet over the Extra Care project, causing half of the project to collapse, and what will the Cabinet Member now do to safeguard the other half of the Extra Care Project?

Councillor Smith responded as follows:-

It didn't collapse because of the previous Cabinet Member, it probably collapsed with the Cabinet Member prior to the last one running around trying to sign contracts at the eleventh hour that were not of a suitable nature for the needs of Derbyshire and, ultimately, there was no funding available. The funding streams dried up because we went into recession and a Coalition Government started to cut funding to local authorities which impacted upon us.

In terms of taking the project forward, I will be working with the Accommodation and Support Strategy with my colleagues and the officers in Adult Social Care, and we will investigate issues around residential accommodation, but I believe the previous Cabinet Member did everything possible to deliver the Extra Care and the new care home facilities for Derbyshire residents, against a background of problems, some of which were delays in opening. Potters Place at Chesterfield, issues around windows etc that should have been addressed, but I go back to the point that the contract initially was flawed.

A supplementary question was asked as follows:-

I believe this Administration inherited a sound project that was being promised a review on for almost sixteen months. I think the last time the then Cabinet Member was asked a question, it was "Oh, we will be having a review after the General Election on our residential care homes and the way forward." You were dragging your feet throughout the process. I understand you inherited a project that actually had funding in place from a large insurance provider which you just failed to take up.

When, before the election, he and his colleagues who are sitting here were criticising the proposals saying these facilities wouldn't meet the needs and there wouldn't be any residential beds, now we hear different

things. We hear that Oaklands is fantastic; we hear that Lacemaker Court will be fantastic which has residential beds, a full proposal under the Housing 21 Phase 1 Scheme. I don't think it is me who is being misleading, Chairman, I think it is the Labour administration.

Councillor Smith responded as follows:-

I think you are referring to some of our developments and proposals in what you have just said, the work we did around that. I will refer back to what I said with the initial question: we will be carrying out on-going work as part of the Accommodation and Support Strategy and doing what is best through consultation with the residents of Derbyshire.

(2) Question to Councillor D Collins, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure from Councillor S A Spencer.

Does the Cabinet member welcome the Government announcement on extra funding for community transport and could he explain how this will affect future funding plans for our CTs here in Derbyshire

Councillor Collins responded as follows:-

I initially welcomed the news until we found the sting in the tail, which is that there is no funding for running the service, the funding is in place to provide one minibus to rural Community Transport schemes. So to explain how this will affect the future funding plans is very simple: it does not affect the current funding plans.

A supplementary question was asked as follows:-

I accept some of the answer is correct but, if I may, the funding is for capital investment, but undoubtedly capital investment in CT organisations across the County can be beneficial to the revenue expenditure for maintenance and on-going costs when you replace vehicles which are elderly for new ones, so there is a benefit there.

May I also say that, if the Authority, given the challenge it faces and the consultation process we are going through at the moment, could take a positive position, undoubtedly Community Transport organisations are going to have to change the way in which they deliver their services across the County, they are going to have to change the target audience they work with, and they are going to have to change the way in which they function as far as their funding mechanisms are concerned. I have always believed, and continue to believe, the way forward is to have a Derbyshire integrated transport process. When I talk about that, I talk about the services that the County Council delivers

across the board from Children's Services to Adult Care to Environmental Services. Would the Cabinet Member consider, and he will have to consult with his fellow Cabinet Members, reviewing the Integrated Transport Policy of this Authority to look at the opportunities that may be available to Community Transport organisations across the County to deliver what is delivered in-house in a different way, thus taking advantage of the capital funding that is available?

Councillor Collins responded as follows:-

The facts around the £25m, no Community Transport in Derbyshire is eligible for a pot of that money, not one, the reasons being you are only allowed to bid for this funding if you receive £160,000 grant funding in a rolling three year period, thus our Community Transport receives £186,000 per annum, so if we had stopped the funding two years ago, they would still not have been eligible for it. Answering your second part, we are looking at how we deliver the transport and as we go into the process we will look at all avenues available.

(3) Question to Councillor K Gillott, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor B Lewis.

Would the Cabinet Member explain what the current situation is with the funding of the nationally recognised and respected Ozbox scheme by the County Council and Police and is the scheme still running across Derbyshire as it was in early 2013?

Councillor Gillott responded as follows:-

I am sure everybody knows, but for the newer Members of the Council if you are not aware, then Ozbox is obviously a Police run initiative. It was commenced under the previous Administration who agreed to fund it for a three year period and that funding comes to an end at the end of this financial year. As far as this Authority is concerned, we have maintained the commitment you made and the funding is going to the Police. If you actually want to know what is happening with regards to Ozbox in terms of its overall funding and its future, then the person to ask is the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable. By coincidence, I did speak to Mr Charles the other day and I just happened to mention that you were asking me this question. He asked me to pass on his regards to you. He is looking forward to receiving a letter from you asking about this very point.

A supplementary question was asked as follows:-

I would be delighted to write Police Commissioner Charles a letter on this particular issue. I understand that the County Council is winding

down its funding for the scheme as of next year, but I just wanted to ask the Cabinet Member does he not agree that Ozbox fulfils two of Derbyshire's promises, namely a safer Derbyshire by reducing anti-social behaviour, engaging young people, getting those who are at risk of offending working with the Police and therefore reducing that risk and, also, a healthier Derbyshire because it promotes exercise, healthy eating and getting young people to take care of themselves, their communities and it increases their self-esteem, so I would hope that that would have some impact on future funding from this Council.

Councillor Gillott responded as follows:-

Yes, many of us have supported Ozbox over a number of years long before you supported it through your Administration. A number of the Members both present and past in the Labour Group, actually funded it either through their Community Leadership Scheme or through the Community Priority Scheme, because we recognised the good work it did, but there are 157 million reasons why we may not be able to fund it after next March. If you have not grasped that, and you clearly have not grasped that by the questions earlier, then it exposes why you are sat *there* and we are *here*.

If we receive an application from the Police we will consider it, but I know the Police themselves are facing a major funding problem, a major funding problem. We have heard in the last few days what impact that will have on the County. All we get from the Tories is, "You are not cutting quick enough but the cuts are hurting." Well you can't have it both ways. You are imposing cuts on Derbyshire, both the County Council and other public services. I don't dispute some of the good work Ozbox did, but it wasn't a replacement for the Youth Service, which you seem to think it was, it was a replacement for part of the Youth Service, it helped some people not others. What we have done is maintained what you committed us to maintain. We have done that and we have also protected the Youth Service as best we can as well.

92/14 NOTICE OF MOTION Moved by Councillor S J Bradford, duly seconded,

"This Council has now received eight verbal reports from the Leader with no opportunity for Members to respond. In support of Councillor Western's manifesto commitment 'seeking out good practice from other councils', Derbyshire County Council should now amend the Constitution to adopt the process of allowing Members to ask relevant questions immediately following the Leader's Report given at each Council meeting. This would then accord with best practice adopted by Amber Valley Borough Council and its current Leader Councillor P Jones."

The Motion was debated, put to the vote and declared to be carried.

RESOLVED to agree to amend the Constitution at the next Annual General Meeting to adopt the process of allowing Members to ask relevant questions immediately following the Leader's Report given at each Council meeting.

93/14 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 3 November 2014.
- (b) Regulatory – Planning Committee held on 6 October and 10 November 2014.
- (c) Pensions and Investment Committee held on 10 September and 22 October 2014.
- (d) Audit Committee held on 7 October 2014.
- (e) Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel held on 18 September 2014.
- (f) Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority held on 26 June 2014.
- (g) D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity held on 11 September and 7 October 2014.