

PUBLIC

MINUTES of the meeting of the **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** held on 9 April 2014 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

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, W Burrows, 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, S Freeborn, 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, A I Lewer, B Lewis, D W Lomax, M V Longden, S Marshall-Clarke, W Major, D McGregor, R R Mihaly, 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, Mrs J A Twigg, D Walton, Ms A Western, E S Wilcox, D A Williams, J G Williams and B Wright.

20/14 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR** On the motion of Councillor Ms A Western, duly seconded

RESOLVED that Councillor D J Wilcox be appointed Chair of the County Council for 2014/15.

21/14 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR** On the motion of Councillor P J Smith, duly seconded

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Janet A Hill be appointed Vice-Chair of the County Council for 2014/15.

(Councillor Mrs Janet A Hill - in the Chair)

22/14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Ford, C R Moesby, M Tomlinson and D J Wilcox.

23/14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** The Director of Legal Services advised on the need to declare an interest in the consideration of Agenda item 16(a) – Notice of Motion in respect of the Register of Members' Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

24/14 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The following
announcements were made:-

- (1) The Chair made a short speech which gave a brief resume of what had happened over the last year.
- (2) Members were reminded that the proceedings were being filmed.
- (3) The death of former County Councillor Arthur Robinson who had represented the Buxton North Division from 1974 to 1993. The meeting observed a minute's silence in their memory and tributes were made
- (4) The Chair welcomed Mary McElvaney to her first meeting since her appointment as Acting Strategic Director of Adult Care and welcomed Judith Greenhalgh, the new Strategic Director for Corporate Resources.
- (5) The presentation of an award was made to Jo White, the Council's Information Security Manager, following the Council's success in achieving compliance with the ISO27001 international standard on information security.

**25/14 CABINET APPOINTMENTS, PORTFOLIO
RESPONSIBILITIES, COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND
APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES** On the motion of Councillor
Ms A Western duly seconded,

RESOLVED (1) to note the Leader's appointments to Cabinet and the portfolio responsibilities; and

(2) to approve the appointments to Committees and Sub-Committees and the appointments to serve on outside bodies; subject to the inclusion of Councillor D J Wilcox in the membership of the Pensions and Investment Committee.

26/14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING On the motion
of Councillor Mrs Janet A Hill, duly seconded,

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 5 February 2014 be confirmed.

27/14 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Ms A Western, Leader of the Council, reported on the progress made by the D2N2 LEP on its Strategic Economic Plan for submission to Government and on the establishment of the D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity. The Leader also referred to the recent visit by Duncan Selbie of Public Health England and the very positive comments that he had made about the Council's delivery of Public Health services.

28/14 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** No public questions had been received.

29/14 **RECEIPT OF PETITIONS** No petitions had been received.

30/14 **COUNCIL PLAN 2014/17** The Council Plan 2014-2017 had been drawn up to clearly establish and communicate the Council's key priorities to a wide range of stakeholders including: members of the public; service users; councillors; employees; businesses; and partner organisations.

The Plan had been developed using research and information about the county and the results of recent consultation with local people undertaken by the Council. The Plan was structured around five key pledges, set out below, which would enable the Council to demonstrate how services contribute to better outcomes for local people.

- A Derbyshire that works
- A healthy Derbyshire
- A Safer Derbyshire
- A Derbyshire that cares
- A local Derbyshire

The Plan set out a range of proposed priorities under each of the five pledges to concentrate both effort and resource over the next three years.

The draft Council Plan had been considered by Cabinet on 25 March 2014 and was recommended for approval by Council.

The Plan would be reviewed and refreshed on an annual basis to ensure that it continued to reflect the priorities of the Council and remained fit for purpose given the financial challenges that lay ahead.

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

RESOLVED that the Authority's Council Plan 2014-2017 be approved.

31/14 DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE PLANS 2014/15 Approval was sought to the departmental Service Plans 2014-15 and associated budgets. The Plans set out how each department would contribute to and deliver priorities set out in the 2014-17 Council Plan and how impact would be measured. The Plans had been considered by Cabinet on 25 March 2014 and were commended to the Council for approval.

The Plans outlined departmental capital and revenue spend and the capital and revenue plans and programmes were summarised in the report.

In order to effectively manage the Highways and the Countryside Capital Programmes, it may be necessary to make minor amendments to the list of schemes during the year. Any changes would be subject to the approval of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport.

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

RESOLVED to approve 2014-15 departmental Service Plans, including the award of contracts and placing of orders within each approved programme budget.

32/14 REVISION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS Council was asked to agree to changes to the Council's financial regulations which had been proposed by Cabinet at its meeting on 25 March 2014.

The introduction of SAP as the Council's core financial system had resulted in significant changes to financial procedures and processes. The current financial regulations did not reflect these changes; it was felt, therefore, that a detailed review and update of the regulations was needed to bring them into line with current working practices. There had been wide ranging consultation with Cabinet Members, Audit Committee, Strategic Directors, Audit Services, finance colleagues and other interested parties.

Many of the titles, references to policies and legislation referred to in the current regulations had changed and these had been updated, or removed where appropriate. It was also felt that the regulations needed to be updated to reflect the way in which the Council worked, particularly with the level of delegation afforded to officers by Members, albeit through defined limits and parameters.

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

RESOLVED that the revised financial regulations be approved.

33/14 RECORDED VOTES AT BUDGET MEETINGS

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 came into force on 25 February 2014 and related to the recording of votes at local authorities' budget decision meetings. The Regulations required authorities to amend their standing orders to provide for a record of the voting upon any budget proposal and for that to be reflected in the minutes. This covered voting not only on the substantive motion setting the budget, council tax or issuing precepts but also on any amendments.

In light of the new regulations, it was proposed that the Council's Standing Orders be amended to include a new paragraph 13.3 within the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4 of the Constitution to provide that:

“Immediately after any vote on any decision relating to the making of the calculation or the issuing of the precept is taken at a budget decision meeting there must be recorded in the minutes the names of the persons who cast votes for the decision or against the decision or who abstained from voting”.

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

RESOLVED to approve and adopt the proposed amendment to the Council's Standing Orders.

34/14 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL The Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for 2013/14 was presented which set out the work of the Panel during 2013/14 and the planned activities for 2014/15.

The current Members' Allowances Scheme was approved by the Council in October 2013. No further recommendations had been made by the Independent Remuneration Panel in respect of the Scheme and so the terms of the current Scheme would continue to be applicable for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2014.

Three of the Panel's current members were reaching the end of their four year term of office: Professor Allen Hutchinson, Ms Bridget Longman and Mr Tony Turnock. The Council's arrangements permitted members of the Panel to serve up to two terms of office. Professor Hutchinson and Ms Longman had indicated that they did not wish to serve a further term. Mr Turnock had indicated that he would wish to remain on the Panel. The other Panel members, Mr Ian Orford and Mrs Pat Boyle, were appointed in 2012 and 2013, respectively.

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

RESOLVED to (1) note the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel dated March 2014;

(2) approve the continuation of the current Members' Allowances Scheme for the financial year commencing on 1 April 2014;

(3) approve the appointment of Mr Tony Turnock as a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel for a further period of four years; and

(4) place on record the appreciation of the Council for the work of the Panel's retiring members over the last four years .

35/14 SCHEME OF DELEGATION – SPECIFIC DELEGATIONS TO CHIEF OFFICERS

Council was asked to consider the role of the Director of Public Health who was appointed by the Council following the transfer of public health functions from PCTs to the Council under the Health & Social Care Act 2012 with effect from 1 April 2013 and to approve appropriate delegations to the Director of Public Health. Also, there were appropriate delegations the Strategic Director – Health and Communities and the additional duties to the Strategic Director – Children and Younger Adults following the re-organisation of the Departments of the Council.

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

RESOLVED to adopt the proposed additions and amendments to the Officer Scheme of Delegations as set out in Appendices 2 and 3 to the report and that the appropriate amendments be made to the Council's Constitution.

36/14 PRESENTATIONS There were no presentations made.

37/14 REPORT OF CABINET AND MEMBERS' QUESTIONS ON THE REPORT

Councillor Ms A Western, Leader of the Council, presented a report on the decisions that had been taken at meetings on Cabinet held on 11 February, 4 and 25 March 2014. No questions on the report had been received from Members.

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

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

38/14 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

(1) Question to Councillor B Ridgway, Cabinet Member for Council Services from Councillor P Dunn.

Would the Cabinet Member for Council Services update us on the plans to create 45 new apprenticeships in September 2014?

Councillor Ridgway responded as follows:-

There are in excess of 3,300 unemployed young people in Derbyshire as we speak. We as an Authority are committed to giving those people as bright a future as we possibly can and apprenticeships are a great way into the world of work, as some here today will testify, I believe. The 45 apprentices to be recruited for September will cover health and social care; school catering; recycling; nurseries; building surveyor; electricians; business administration; landscape working; plumbers; estimator and road workers. As a county, we are able to offer a wide opportunity to the young people of this area and we are glad to do so.

The opportunities we are offering will be broadly located across the county from Glossop to Swadlincote, across to Doveholes in the west and Long Eaton in the east.

It is important to note that advance notice has been given to care leavers as we continue to fulfil our responsibility of support in that area. They will be given extra support if they need them and opportunities to enter the scheme with as much support as possible. I think that is something we should be looking at all times.

A series of events will take place in April and May where workshops and information at various venues will take place. The venues will be published beyond this meeting necessarily but just to give you a heads up they will be in County Hall in Matlock; Rink House, Swadlincote; Peter Webster Centre in Chesterfield; New Mills Adult Education Centre and Wilmot Street Centre in Heanor. There will be publications of those dates and times for members after this meeting.

I have to say you will note that since taking office we have reviewed the apprenticeship deal, as was alluded to a little bit earlier on, starting with the wage which was £2.65 an hour under the Tories, a derisory figure and a damning indictment on the integrity of Derbyshire County Council as an employer. Members will know we have rectified that embarrassing position by upgrading the apprenticeship pay to the national minimum wage.

I am pleased to report that from October this year as an under 18 apprentices will be on £3.79; 18-20 £5.13 and 21+ £6.50. It is a long way from £2.65, a long long way. In addition to this, we have

enhanced the whole package with more support, with travel packages and a lot of discussion with our apprentices as to their need. This is a quality package which I know young people in Derbyshire are taking advantage of. We are now recognised as putting a quality package out there and people will be queuing up for it.

Besides the 45 in September intake we will start five apprentices this May. This accelerates the programme and in September we will have hosted 250 apprentices from June 2012, the majority within this administration.

Let me just say to you, and this is very important, as the quality of our apprenticeships has gone up I have to say 86.6% have completed their apprenticeships compared with a national average of 73%. That is a quality package once again that we are putting out there.

Given the young persons' unemployment figures I mentioned, I have to say we are not complacent and we continue to push for a better deal for the young people of Derbyshire.

There was no supplementary question.

(2) Question to Councillor J Dixon, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport from Councillor S Brittain.

To ask the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport if the welcome grant of £3m to repair potholes from the Secretary of State will restore Derbyshire's roads to the level our residents rightly expect?

Councillor Dixon responded as follows:-

The simple answer is no. Whilst we welcome the £2,946,577 that we have been allocated it is merely a drop in the ocean. It is by no means sufficient to bring our highways' network into the condition that this Council would wish both for the citizens of Derbyshire and to promote and support economic regeneration within this county.

The £157m cuts required of the Council have had an inevitable effect on the condition of the highways. A recent national survey estimated that the backlog of highway repairs had increased by 20% over the last year alone. For those of you who are sad enough to be interested in the Asphalt Industry Alliance they produced a report last week that said to fix the potholes alone would require £12bn worth of funding. Even the LGA, who tend to be a little more reserved, have estimated the figure at £10.5bn, so £3m in Derbyshire is not going to do the trick.

Whilst the current condition information for Derbyshire is not quite ready yet, a report will be coming soon, it is really clear from the feedback I am getting from members across all three Groups that potholes continues to be an issue of great concern to members of the public and for their safety.

I know with the new casework system that we have introduced, it is the Highways Department that gets the most feed-through. We get on average a thousand reports per week about potholes. It is not about individual potholes often they are talking about a stretch of road that is particularly bad. I know there used to be 4,000 holes in Blackburn, Lancashire, I have no idea how many there are in Derbyshire but we will be coming with that report to you.

It should also be noted that the funding that has been made available to the county is not only for the repair of potholes but for other and more costly repairs that have been incurred because of the severe weather that we have had. Indeed we have a very long list of highway structures which have suffered or indeed fail that are in need of repair and this is, you know the glamorous stuff of me culverts, me bridges, retaining walls. We know from the landslip at Unstone that affected the railway lines this is the sort of impact the bad weather we have had over the last few months has had on us. Even when we are talking about dealing with more urgent sites it is likely to be in excess of half a million pounds that we need. That does not include lots of smaller sites where retaining wall repairs are desirable.

Whilst the Government have provided this funding and have recognised the importance of highway network to the economy of the county it is at the same time considering reducing the capital funding to the repair of highways by top slicing a proportion of the capital grant and making it subject, yet again, to another bidding process, the rules of which are yet unclear. I know that Mr Ashworth and I have been working on the Local Transport Plan for Derbyshire today and the Government keeps changing the rules. We thought we had a week to make a decision and suddenly it says "We need your decision by Monday." This is not the way to be running a country and it is not the way to be managing a massive asset that we have in our highways at Derbyshire when Government is completely changing its mind all the time and continually changing the goalposts.

We in Derbyshire County Council are opposed to this proposal to introduce the bidding process as it simply adds yet again to the red tape in the form of preparing bids for funding which is self-evidently needed. If however these proposals are implemented the County Council will submit a robust and sound bid, but as I said the lack of certainty about the funding available prejudices the ability of the County Council to

follow sound asset management procedures and at the same time to get the best value for money for the people of Derbyshire.

It is almost stupid. We know climate change is affecting England. We have had some very weird weather over the last few winters. We have had really deep snow. We have had very wet winters and what does the Government keep saying: "Oh we have had another wet winter. Oh we had not thought about that, we will give you money afterwards." What they should be doing is actually funding us properly. I can't remember, is it 40,000 roads, 12,000 miles of roads in Derbyshire? How are we meant to manage that asset for the people of Derbyshire when we don't know whether we have proper funding? The Government should stop messing around and properly fund the asset. Sorry, I have ranted a bit, as usual, but it is a drop in the ocean. Fund us properly, Government, and stop making political capital and saying, "Oh we are giving you this little bit" when in fact it is just a sticking tape.

There was no supplementary question.

**(3) Question to Councillor A Western, Leader of the Council
from Councillor A Botham**

In light of the recent announcement by the Government and the independent report by DEFRA, regarding the badger cull, does the Leader consider that this council was correct in its stance on this matter? Would she also agree that the Taxpayers money wasted on this folly so far could have been better spent elsewhere?

Councillor Western responded as follows:-

This refers to the Government's announcement last week that the proposed roll-out of the badger cull across England has been scrapped after publication of an independent report that found that the pilot culls in Somerset and Gloucestershire were neither effective nor humane, something that scientists, wildlife organisations and the public were pointing out from the very beginning and that was what informed our stance here as a County Council to ban any potential cull of badgers on County Council land in Derbyshire. It was based on the scientific case which the Government were intent on ignoring.

I have to say this issue brought the biggest single response of any issue in my time on this County Council. I have never known a response from the public within Derbyshire and across the country actually supporting the stance we took. It also brought, I have to say, the most fatuous comment from a Government Minister so far when Owen Paterson referred to the badgers "moving the goalposts", basically complaining

that the badgers weren't playing the game and standing still while people were shooting at them. The badgers were "moving the goalposts." Now the Secretary of State has taken his ball home altogether, I think.

I do believe the culls in Somerset and Gloucestershire are continuing. I think that is shameful given the evidence that it is not effective, nor is it humane, but the intention now is to move towards a vaccination programme, which is where we always were supporting the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's stance, to create a buffer zone around some of the hotspots for bovine TB. Parts of Derbyshire, particularly along the Staffordshire border, are hotspots for bovine tuberculosis so we should be expecting some investment in a vaccination programme within Derbyshire which I think will be very helpful and will support the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

I have to say throughout this we have always been supportive of, and sympathetic with, farmers, dairy farmers in Derbyshire, beef as well, because we all want to see an eradication of this awful disease. We all want to see bovine TB eradicated across the country not just in Derbyshire, but the solution should be based on scientific evidence and not on some primeval urge to go out and shoot creatures, so until a cattle vaccine is delivered badger vaccination is the most effective way forward. You are absolutely right, I think our stance has been justified.

From what I have read in terms of the cost, which is part of your question as well, I have seen estimates that the cost of policing the cull in Somerset and Gloucestershire is in excess of £3m. £3m. Let's not pretend that this was just a few hardcore animal rights' activists who were protesting it concerned, and rightly concerned members of the public who were entirely justified in their protests against what was a cruel and ineffective Government strategy, that police time and the public money could and should have been much better spent. Obviously it should have been spent on developing vaccines but with hindsight I am sure Owen Paterson can now see that.

We continue to uphold our stance about badger culling in Derbyshire. We continue to support Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. I am very pleased that the Secretary of State has finally seen sense in supporting our stance as well.

There was no supplementary question.

(4) Question to Councillor C Neill, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care from Councillor W Major.

Proposals for Extra Care provision have been on-going for a long time with some sites already being delivered. It was never an all apartment proposal and always included residential beds: The balance between these was always going to be difficult due to future needs and the requirement of making the whole project viable. Can the Cabinet Member explain what her commitment will be, if any, to changing residential care to make it fit for the 21st century, meet users' expectations and to be in a position to cope with the increased pressure of demographics?

Councillor Neill responded as follows:-

We were elected on a manifesto that had three elements relevant to answering this question: supporting those people to live independently in their *own* home; maintaining Derbyshire County Council provided residential care homes and, of course, Extra Care. As you acknowledge in your question the challenge is getting the balance of investment right across those three elements. Keeping people independently in their own home is our highest priority because that is what all research says people want. Of course, that prevents people from going into a residential care home in the first place.

There are two aspects to the work that we have been doing as a Cabinet team around keeping people independently in their home. One is trying once and for all working with our District and Borough colleagues to crack the nut that is the Disabled Facilities Grant. It is not acceptable that it takes 18 months for somebody to have a level access shower and if I could put more investment into that I certainly would.

Councillor Hart, in her earlier comments around the Council Plan, mentioned the Better Care Fund and working with colleagues. The Better Care Fund bid has now been submitted and in that the whole health and social care community have come together around community support teams, investing in our Re-ablement Service, supporting care co-ordination that helps individuals with needs to navigate the system, all designed to reduce admissions to long-term care, which incidentally if we fail to do the Government will come and take money off us, money we have already spent which was already committed by Health.

In terms of DCC provided residential care you will note that last year in September we announced £700,000 worth of investment secured from the King's Fund to bring four of our care homes up to dementia friendly standards and you all know that we have agreed to fund the backlog of maintenance on Beechcroft in West Hallam. We also have Community Care Centres in Darley Dale and Heanor coming on-stream and the Combined Care Centre has just started being built in Long Eaton.

I am also grateful to you, Councillor Major, for mentioning in your question the increased pressure of demographics. Last time I brought a pie chart with me if you remember that represents the 40% of cuts and the impact that that is going to have on Adult Social Care. I thought I would bring something different, a bar chart today. Some of you will be familiar with this. It is Barnet Council's graph of doom. Barnet, that hotbed of radical socialism.

The Tory Council is actually known as "Easy Council" famed for its outsourcing. Their bar chart demonstrates *this* is the increasing demand for Adult Care Services right up to 2024/25. *This* is the increasing demand on Children's Services because we are also getting more children born, not just more people living longer, and this blue line is Council spending over that period, Council grants from Government.

Now, Councillor Major, we as politicians have the best control over the blue line. What I urge you to do is to support us in lobbying Government to change direction, not only Government direction but the direction of the blue line.

The following supplementary question was asked:-

In different ways you have been asked this question now for the third time. The first time we were promised in the autumn, the second time just after Christmas, and now we don't have a timeframe. I think what it says in the Service Plan when it mentions "Extra Care provision" only once, and that is only in relation to the three existing sites, says it all. You are walking away from it. You knew you could not afford to do both like you promised in your manifesto and you are walking away from it. What is this going to leave us with?

We don't end up with a care service which is based on 20th Century, not suitable for today's needs and the window of opportunity for doing that is closing fast. With the economy moving in the right direction, with employment moving in the right direction interest rates are going to normalise and the moment that happens, the window of opportunity of what it will be, a third of a billion pounds worth of investment into Derbyshire which will create, as you say, would create lots of jobs. The money then stays in the economy, it goes round in circles. You are walking away from that. I just wonder, and this is the question for you, in just over three years' time, when you are in County Hall for the last time, how do you think your legacy will be when you turn down this investment and leave Adult Care in a worse position than it was previously?

Councillor Neill responded as follows:-

My legacy to the people of Derbyshire will be greater protection from your Government's policy

(5) Question to Councillor A Western, Leader of the Council from Councillor J Frudd.

As Leader of the County Council for nearly a year what does Councillor Western think are her administrations achievements to date?

Councillor Western responded as follows:-

There are many of these achievements listed in the Council Plan and I won't repeat all of those but just to list some of them and then to put them into some sort of context. They fall into, I think, three main categories in terms of our achievements and I am very proud of each and every one of these.

We started very early on by investing a quarter of a million pounds in the Youth Service which was a direct response to the actions of the previous administration. We invested £180,000 in Breakfast Clubs in schools in areas where children were going to school hungry. We have invested £300,000 in Credit Unions and over £100,000 in food banks. We have supported Advice Services opening in GPs' surgeries and Children's Centres. We have supported Advice Services more generally by reinstating funding to Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres who are supporting a lot of people who were dealing with the fall-out from this Government's draconian welfare changes. We have invested £375,000 in Affordable Warmth Schemes. We have invested £6m of Public Health money in preventative schemes. We have invested £1m in Locality Public Health programmes to be overseen by Local Area Committees. We have increased the apprenticeship pay to the minimum wage. We have banned payday lenders from Council computers. We have taken action against blacklisting. We have protected the jobs of personal advisers for young people. We have put money into Single Status in schools to protect the low paid, and from the 1 April we have implemented the Living Wage. We have already heard today about that and more to come. That is the first category of change that we have made and that is about supporting people who are facing increasing hardship and poverty and protecting them in the cost of living crisis.

The second group of actions that I am proud of are about growing jobs and infrastructure in the county so there are new jobs appearing in Markham Vale. There is funding provided now for Ilkeston train station which was a programme that was started under Councillor Lucas under the Labour administration prior to 2009. We have invested in Global

Derbyshire, a small business support scheme. Digital Derbyshire is ahead of schedule now. We are working very productively with BT and we are investing further in that. There is development on the Seymour Link at Markham Vale and Waterside in Chesterfield. We are well on the way to securing £14.2m worth of funding for Markham Vale working in partnership with Sheffield City Region, something that would never have happened under the previous administration, and we are supporting Buxton Crescent with the potential to lend funding on a commercial basis if we need to there, so that is the second group of achievements we have made.

The third group of achievements is about rebuilding relationships which were fractured and broken and stretched to the extreme. We have very strong relationships and productive relationships with Trade Unions who represent their members who work for the Council, with Borough and District Councils. We are working much more closely with the NHS organisations in the county. We are working better with neighbouring authorities and with the Local Enterprise Partnerships and we are reinvigorating the relationships in the Derbyshire Partnership Forum. As I mentioned earlier we have got to the point where we have now formed a Joint Committee with our District and Borough and City colleagues and we are working very effectively through that. This is all being done. It might sound like a list that is a bit pick and mix but if you have been concentrating you can see the theme that runs through that. It is about supporting the people of Derbyshire through these difficult times as best we can and it is about building a better future for us all by making sure the Derbyshire economy is strong, that we have growth, new jobs coming on board and we have people with the right skills to take advantage of those jobs. I have to say we have not done this alone. We have done this with the help of a new management team.

One of the things I am particularly pleased we have managed to address by dragging this Council out of the 19th Century and into the 21st Century is that we have better gender balance. We have a gender balanced Cabinet and we have three women members of the Corporate Management Team now. That has not been driven by any ideological politically correct stance, it has been driven because we have selected the right people to do those jobs and I am really proud of that.

We will continue in this stance. We will continue to provide the best services we can for vulnerable people. We will continue to provide support for those people who are struggling in the current financial climate and we will continue to be ambitious for the future of Derbyshire.

There was no supplementary question.

(6) Question to Councillor K Gillott, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People from Councillor P Jones.

I would like to thank the Cabinet member for Children and Young People for confirmation of the £7.4m investment towards rebuilding Aldercar Community School as part of a phased rebuilding programme spread over a number of years. This is a part of my Division which has significant social and economic problems and the Council's commitment to investing in its public services is very pleasing. However, does he have any comment on the announcement by the Tory Secretary of State for Education that he is considering spending £45m on one academically selective sixth form school in London. Is it fair that one London school should be given £45m whilst the same Secretary of State makes Derbyshire pupils wait years for their school to be rebuilt?

Councillor Gillott responded as follows:-

I have had the pleasure of visiting Aldecar School twice now in recent months, once before the announcement when the school very subtly lobbied me to make the announcement and then again afterwards when the announcement had been made. The transformation that a decision like this makes to a school is what this job is about, the pleasure on the kids' and the staff's faces as well, it is why I think we are all in this.

I remember my predecessor saying "Buildings are not the most important part of a school" and there is some truth in that. Leadership and the quality of teaching is the key but buildings make a massive difference. They make a massive difference as this potential £45m announcement clearly signifies.

I also went to Tibshelf School on Monday, I think it was, and again you could see the transformation that has taken place there from a similar announcement. That was in fairness to them made by the previous administration. The kids there, the enthusiasm, the excitement and the sheer change in the school is there for anybody to see but this decision if it is true, this £45m is true, I think it signifies some of the things we have actually been discussing today because even in times of austerity politicians have choices. We have choices how we spend money and those choices say more about us than the actual words we utter. If it is true that he is going to spend £45m on one selective inner London School, a vanity project basically for somebody with a big ego, it says a lot about him.

Our backlog is still in the region of £150m. £150m it would take to bring all the schools in Derbyshire up to the standard we would at least want them to be, if not to the standard where they should be, so if we got that

£45m we could build three new Tibshelf Schools, three new secondary schools.

When my colleagues from Glossop, or from Alfreton or from Long Eaton or from the Swadlincote area come and ask me for new schools in their area the reason you can't have them is because Michael Gove won't give us the money, he would sooner spend it on one school, or we could spend it on between twelve and 14 primary schools in Derbyshire, not just one school in London. We could have used that £45m, if it had come to this county, to virtually clear the backlog at every secondary school in the county, virtually every secondary school, or clear half the backlog of all the primary, infant and junior schools in the county, so instead of having £45m to spend we have about £18m I think it is. I know my colleague Councillor Coyle has spent the last few weeks working to try and eke that money out, spread that jam as thinly as possible to do the best he can.

Councillor Longden has mentioned in the past, I think his comments were "If money isn't spent on schools then Health and Safety will close schools." Well that won't happen. You don't have to predict what happens when you have a Tory Government that starves education funding because many of us lived through it. I can remember one of the very first things, if not the first thing I did when I came on this Council in 1997 was to go to the then Chair of Property, Councillor Williams, and ask him to come out to Tupton Primary School to see the terrapins, to see the buildings supported by pit props, to see the leaking roof and to see the terrible state that kids were educated in. If we continue down this line we will end up in the same position. That is what the Tories will do. They will starve Local Authority schools of funding while they spend £45m on vanity projects.

Again, just to put it in context, at Tibshelf on Monday if they had had a similar sort of spend there we wouldn't have opened a £16m school we would have opened a £65m school. That is the difference between what they are prepared to spend on one school and what we have been expected to expend in Derbyshire.

You are right, Councillor Jones, it is not fair. It is clearly not fair but it does show what the Tories think of Derbyshire. It shows that they would sooner support one selective inner school in London rather than support the schools in Derbyshire. That is a crying shame. We will fight to make sure that changes.

There was no supplementary question.

(7) Question to Councillor D Allen, Cabinet Member for Health and Communities from Councillor E Wilcox.

In May 2013, one of the defining pledges of the Labour administration was to tackle the health inequalities that exist throughout the County. Could the cabinet member for Health and Communities update the Council on the progress to date and outline further plans for the next 12 months?'

Councillor Allen responded as follows:-

It does give me the opportunity, and again I don't apologise because some things that Councillor Western mentioned I will mention also because I think we have to be proud of some of the things we have done with Public Health money.

Public Health became the responsibility last year of the County Council and I think we have used what money we have both for the statutory responsibilities we have and for areas where we want to try to tackle health inequalities. It is a major issue. We have still got people living in parts of the county 15 years longer than other parts of the county, which I think is a tragedy. I do hope by the end of the period of time in three years' time we will have changed some of that but it is going to be a battle, particularly with the £157m of cuts which we have to implement everywhere and the fact we are trying hard to use this money. We will target the resources where we can to the best use to try to determine better health.

What I will do is I will just look at some of the main things. I will start from birth or pre-birth. One of the controversial things that cropped up last week or the week before was the project to pay or give allowances to people who are pregnant, ladies who are pregnant while they are pregnant to stop smoking. Now this was controversial. The Taxpayers' Alliance, a nice Right Wing sort of group were creating saying "A waste of public money" but the point is if you can stop people smoking in pregnancy it has the benefits of both the health of the woman and also the unborn child. The cost of children in intensive care is something like £6,000 a week. It is money well spent in my view. There will be a report coming to Cabinet to show whether that has been a worthwhile project and if it is I think we should extend it. It is controversial but I think if we can stop people smoking then it has been worth it.

We support children through school with weight management. One of the bigger problems we have is obesity in younger children, and not only young children but when they are getting through school. Again that links through to later life when you have problems with things like diabetes and heart problems, so again it is important that we do tackle with CAYA where we can to try to increase the understanding about eating healthily.

One of the things was there was a plate produced, a little plate with all different vegetables. In my saner moment I said "Where is the picture of the chips?" but chips probably aren't the best thing.

Councillor Western has also mentioned we have put support into Children's Centres. The amount of money that brings into Derbyshire residents by both debt management and income generation through benefits is well worthwhile. It brings a lot of money into people's pockets and again that links in with mental health problems. People suffering from low incomes, worrying about benefits, worrying about where you are going to eat, have your next meal, that creates mental health problems. Again at the forefront of Public Health they are trying to account for some of these things and support people with these problems.

You mentioned Breakfast Clubs. Again looking at areas of deprivation where children need a meal before they go to school. Again a child with food in them learns better, the quality of life improves later on.

We have tried to reduce the amount of sugar and salt in food, particularly looking at takeaways and things like that. They are all very tasty but they are full of salt. Again that affects people in future life.

I have mentioned smoking. We are actively trying to work with Trading Standards to look at the illegal tobacco trade. Councillor Smith tells me in his old days how cheap cigarettes were to buy and they are still cheap, they are still available, but we are working hard with the police again to try to stamp some of this out. The amount of illegal tobacco is intense but a lot of the health problems do relate back to people who smoke. Again people smoke in areas of greater deprivation perhaps more than others and again if we can use our ability through Public Health to support anti-smoking programmes.

We have mentioned about food banks. We had a big debate. We had the presentation last time about the food banks. They have gone up tremendously in the county. I think it is worth reiterating the fact again food banks should not be part of modern life but they are. People are having to resort to food banks to try to live. Again I quoted last time examples of people there who weren't on benefits, people who have worked hard but still found they are using food banks.

We have supported Credit Unions and I am proud we are doing that. We have offered Credit Unions the ability to work within libraries. Libraries are becoming much more hubs of the community where we want to encourage groups and organisations to go, again using Public Health money there to do that.

Health checks for people over 40. That is a statutory function but we need to make sure that more and more GPs and surgeries do it because there are a lot that still don't. Again that is looking at anybody over 40, gets a check, again fight against coronary heart disease, diabetes etc.

We are encouraging healthy lifestyles. We will be going out to contract on healthy lifestyles. Again linking healthy walking, healthy eating, all these aspects of healthy living.

We have been very positive about working with the CCGs which have a major impact into health. We have spent hours and hours working with them. We have not mentioned the Better Care Fund today but it is there, it is an issue that has now been submitted. Hopefully again we will develop that along with Adult Services and Councillor Neill to see how we can maximise the use of their money and our money despite the massive cuts that they are having to implement on ourselves to try and develop services.

Councillor Western mentioned about heating and warmth. There is a direct link between cold and death. I think we need to do what we can to try to tackle that, particularly amongst older people, and we will continue to do that.

I feel we are promoting services. Again there has been slight mention about the Falls Service. Public Health have recently gone out to contract to provide more exercise classes. Falls is a major impact. People fall, they break their hip and their life expectancy is reduced. That is people in their own home, they could end up in residential care then and again that is their quality of life being reduced, so if we can reduce falls through Public Health, through Adult Care that would be a major thing.

We work strongly with the Drug and Alcohol Services. Again that has a direct link to all the services we have said and the way we want to encourage people, if they can, to live healthy lifestyles.

I certainly recognise the battle is not won, we have a long way to go but certainly with the money we have, which is a ring fenced grant, and the fact we are working with other departments to actively look where we can use any underspend on that to make the quality of life of Derbyshire's residents better then we will do, so thanks again for your question,

The following supplementary question was asked:-

Councillor Allen, the *British Medical Journal* has recently challenged local authorities on their use of public health budgets, but as your answer illustrates we are supporting the wider determinants of health. The comments made by the *BMJ* are concerning because to me they reveal a very high degree of silo mentality that we must challenge, so could you reassure us today, Councillor Allen, that the County Council is taking positive steps to seek greater collaboration with the NHS and also to further expand on the feedback received from Public Health England during their visit that Councillor Western alluded to earlier?

Councillor Allen responded as follows:-

Actually I have an email that came from Duncan Selbie when he visited last week or the week before. There has been some criticism around authorities not observing the ring fence. Derbyshire certainly observed that. We have used the money where we can and we have used any underspends in the right direction.

I will just say a few words because I think this shows how Public Health England is feeling about the way we are actually working it. Mr Selbie said:

“It was profound pleasure to witness with pride and determination to reduce and mitigate poverty as a key priority for the Council focusing on supporting hard pressed people and communities. Economic prosperity and wellbeing are so important as leading determinants of good health are a good start in life, employment, decent housing, neighbourhood clubs and companionship.”

He goes on to say:

“Presentations on citizens advice on their presence in 98 of the 102 GP surgeries and also in Children’s Centres is of national note in reaching disadvantaged people and families, as is your work in targeting affordable health interventions for the most vulnerable and groundbreaking work set out in book form in Bowen’s Health.”

He goes on to say:

“Truly inspiring to see a Council and its partners so focused on what can be done and then actually making things happen for real, real people living real lives in places that are disadvantaged but on the up.”

Then he goes on to say:

“The relationships between your Council and the CCGs, you as the public health adviser working together to squeeze the best value out of your combined spending power is the way forward.”

I think that is a fantastic commendation for what Derbyshire and our role with Health is doing. I hope in the future we will be able to progress that and actually make some difference to people.

(8) Question to Councillor A Western, Leader of the Council from Councillor S Freeborn.

Does the Leader of the Council agree that the introduction of the Living Wage to DCC employees will reflect the benefits to our county as suggested by KPMG at a recent Fair Wage conference?

They state it will have these effects on the employer and local economy.

- Lower rates of staff turnover
- Reputational benefits
- Reduction in sick leave
- Better motivated staff
- Increase in productivity

Councillor Western responded as follows:-

I do welcome KPMG's statement and their support for the Living Wage. It ought to be noted that KPMG are hardly renowned for being a radical socialist organisation either so it is particularly compelling when KPMG support the Living Wage.

They noted that 5.2 million people in this country, that is approximately 20% of the UK's working population, are now paid less than the Living Wage. A study done by KPMG showed that half of those earning below this level expect their finances to worsen over the next six months, so although we keep being told that the economy is recovering there are a lot of people who are still struggling on low income levels and fear that their situation is going to get worse before it gets better.

There is also a gender dimension to this. 85% of the employees of Derbyshire County Council who will benefit from the introduction of the Living Wage are women. This will help to counteract the disproportionate negative impact of this Government's policies on women. The bulk of the impact of the cuts is falling on the female half of the population and this will go some way to hopefully mitigate that.

When we introduced the Living Wage through Cabinet our report made reference to a study by Queen Mary University of London which found evidence of benefits to employers as well who introduced the Living

Wage, most notably improved recruitment and retention, higher work and morale, motivation and productivity, so there are twofold benefits, but beyond that there is also benefit to the local economy. Work done in Staffordshire in the past few years showed that there is a multiplier effect so that every additional pound paid to low paid workers is worth £1.63 to the local economy. It is a threefold benefit. It is a win win win. It is beneficial to the individuals who receive an increase in their pay and their families. It is a benefit to employers who introduced the Living Wage and it is a benefit to the local economy. I think we did the right thing to introduce the Living Wage. I hope we can continue to encourage schools and others to take it up. It is encouraging the figures that were quoted earlier. About over 100 schools already have signed up for it and I think we are doing absolutely the right thing.

There was no supplementary question.

(9) Question to Councillor J Dixon, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport from Councillor T Kemp.

Ashwood Dale in Buxton, between Dale Road and Spring Gardens, is a principal gateway to this town which relies heavily on tourism to support the local economy. Land above the roadway was sold off many years ago by DCC and lack of care or maintenance by the current landowner has resulted in the collapse of a retaining wall, necessitating closure of a highly visible and historic walkway. Similarly, trees have fallen on to the highway as a regular occurrence, having to be cleared away at a cost to the council taxpayer. The landowner owes a large sum of money to the Council which is quite likely never to be fully repaid. I have proposed the re-acquisition of this land and its transfer to beneficial ownership under the stewardship of Buxton Civic Association; this is almost certainly the best and only option for long-term resolution of an on-going problem of both public safety and the blighting of this highly visible and otherwise attractive public area. Yet months after arranging a meeting between DCC and High Peak officers and the Civic Association, with the full support of Councillor Bisknell (both as the other DCC councillor whose division borders the affected area, and also as Leader of HPBC) I can get no information as to progress or lack of progress. Would the Cabinet Member please reassure me and the residents of Buxton that this issue is regarded by the Administration as of critical importance to maintaining the local economy and jobs in the High Peak, and that they will ensure that a full progress report will be given within three months indicating what, if any action is planned?

Councillor Dixon responded as follows:-

It is something I am very aware of. Councillor Bisknell and I have had several discussions and email exchange about this issue. For those of you who don't know what we are talking about, as you drive up the A6 towards Buxton you get to what I call the Morrison's roundabout. If you go straight over the roundabout there is a wall on that side with a quite raised pavement. Above that wall is quite a steep patch of land with trees on it. We used to own that patch of land but a few years ago we sold it to a private individual who does not live in the area and I believe curiously bought it for his wife as a birthday present. I think I would have preferred a sports car or something!

We have already talked about the impact that the bad weather has had on our roads. We have had some bad winters. What is actually happening, it is a very steep bank with trees on it, with all the water we have had the trees have been falling over on to this high pavement. I think it was - I am not too sure - I think it was about November 2011 that we actually closed it. Nothing much was done about it then but with Councillor Bisknell's intervention, it is very much on our radar now.

I do agree that it is a gateway into the town. It gives a bad impression and does not look good. It is also a safety threat because if that moves any more it could actually impede on to the highway, but it is not our land. We have already spent £24,000 on trying to remediate the site. At the moment I think there is a tree down on it last time I went past. We are trying to get the money back from the landowner who conveniently seems to have disappeared and does not seem to be willing to play the game and to take on their responsibilities as an owner.

That being the negative situation I can assure Councillor Kemp that it is on the County Council's radar. We are working with High Peak Borough Council on this issue. We are doing an assessment of the site to see if we can bring the retaining wall into a satisfactory and sustainable condition. We will be undertaking a structural engineering inspection of that. We are also trying to find alternative solutions to this site and hopefully we will have information on this within the next three months and we will give consideration to it.

I also have to say, though, it is a privately owned site. It is really the owner's responsibility to deal with it, it is not for the County Council to be picking up on this, but given its position and the threat posed we will look at the issue very seriously but at the same time I have to make a decision about the cost of delivering that site against the background of the £157m of cuts that we are facing and other issues elsewhere in the county. I can reassure Councillor Kemp in the meantime we will continue to press the owner of the land to undertake the works

necessary to allow the footpath to reopen. I will be really happy to keep you informed on progress about that.

One thing in general I would like to say you don't need to ask a Council question about this necessarily, lots of other of your members come to me quietly and say "I have an issue" and I am sure some of them will say I have sat down with them, discussed things with them. I am not the dragon I appear to be, I am quite approachable. I am much harder on my own Group than you. No please, happy to talk about it, happy to talk to Councillor Bisknell about it.

Also this weekend as a request from Councillor Bisknell in her capacity as Leader of the High Peak Borough Council we will be working together with our colleagues from High Peak Borough Council to tidy up the High Pavement area as part of Buxton town's spring clean so I very much welcome our close working relationship.

The following supplementary question was asked:-

I am very grateful to you for that information, Councillor Dixon, and appreciate that you obviously are aware of the upcoming town's spring clean. I was actually out yesterday doing some of it slightly early.

I would like to just point out, though, that I did email both yourself and Councillor Western several weeks ago asking for a meeting and as yet I have had no reply from either of you. I did get acknowledgements back through the system so presumably you have received them. I am just wondering why you have not responded to that and also when a press statement was made to *The Advertiser* a couple of weeks ago why as the Divisional Councillor I was not even advised of that? It just appeared in the press and that was the first I heard about it.

Councillor Dixon responded as follows:-

I really apologise if an email has gone astray somewhere in the system. I know I am getting in the region of about 150 a day and I sometimes get a little bit trigger happy on my phone. I am really really sorry. Very happy for you to come and talk to me, absolutely no problem with that.

I am disappointed if a press statement has gone out without you being informed. One of the mantras we have in Economy, Transport and Environment is that nothing happens on any councillor's patch without them being informed first because you were elected to represent your patches, we are representatives of our patches, you need to be in the know. I don't have the remit for the press but I am really sorry if that happened.

39/14 QUESTIONS ON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE
DERBYSHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY No questions had been received.

(At this point in the proceedings, all members of the Conservative Group left the Council Chamber and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.)

40/14 NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Moved by Councillor A Botham, duly seconded:-

This Council believes that openness and transparency are an integral requirement of all elected members. Members of the public and other elected members should always be fully aware of any interests a councillor holds when making decisions and debating issues. To ensure that the integrity of this Council and its members are beyond accusation when acting on behalf of Derbyshire residents, it is proposed that the Members' register of interests be amended to include the requirement to declare membership of pressure groups, trade unions, the Freemasons or other influential bodies.

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

RESOLVED that this Council believes that openness and transparency are an integral requirement of all elected members. Members of the public and other elected members should always be fully aware of any interests a councillor holds when making decisions and debating issues. To ensure that the integrity of this Council and its members are beyond accusation when acting on behalf of Derbyshire residents, it is proposed that the Members' register of interests be amended to include the requirement to declare membership of pressure groups, trade unions, the Freemasons or other influential bodies.

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

For the motion – (44) 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 Brittain, W Burrows, 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, K Gillott, D T Greenhalgh, Mrs Janet A Hill, Ms Julie A Hill, R L Hosker, Mrs J M Innes, P Jones, Mrs K D Lauro, D Lomax, S Marshall-Clarke, D McGregor, R R Mihaly, K P Morgan, C E Neill, J R Owen, Mrs I Ratcliffe, B Ridgway, P J Smith, T Southerd, Mrs M Stockdale, Ms A Western, E S Wilcox, D A Williams, J G Williams and B Wright.

Against the motion – (0)

Abstained – (0)

(b) Moved by Councillor R Davison, duly seconded:-

This Council:

- Notes that:

(1) Post-war social security policy and administration in the UK had always been the responsibility of central government.

(2) Over the decades, the means-tested benefits providing a safety net have included a recognition that individuals and families can face exceptional pressures that can only be met by a one-off payment.

(3) Since 1988 the Social Fund has provided a system of grants and loans, eg:

- start-up items (cooker, bed and bedding) for individuals setting up home after leaving institutional care, or

- emergency support for people affected a crisis such as fire or flood

(4) The Welfare Reform Act 2012 ended Social Fund community care grants and crisis loans and passed the responsibility, with reduced funding, to upper tier councils for providing 'local welfare assistance'.

(5) Since taking on responsibility in April 2013 the County Council has badged this 'local welfare assistance' as the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund.

(6) The ConDem government has now announced that remaining Treasury funding will cease after 31 March 2015.

- Recognises that the proposed cessation of funding would in future leave vulnerable residents in this county and across the country with no place left to turn;

- Resolves to:

(1) Work in alliance with other councils, community and pressure groups; and

(2) Directly lobby central government and the county's MPs

in order to secure the reversal of the ConDem decision and ensure future long term, adequate funding is available to help residents in their hour of need.

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

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For the motion – (41) Councillors Councillors D Allen, S A Bambrick, Mrs G Birkin, Ms C Bisknell, Mrs S L Blank, Mrs M W Booth, A Botham, S Brittain, W Burrows, 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, K Gillott, D T Greenhalgh, Mrs Janet A Hill, Ms Julie A Hill, R L Hosker, Mrs J M Innes, P Jones, Mrs K D Lauro, S Marshall-Clarke, D McGregor, R R Mihaly, C E Neill, J R Owen, Mrs I Ratcliffe, B Ridgway, P J Smith, T Southerd, Mrs M Stockdale, Ms A Western, E S Wilcox, D A Williams, J G Williams and B Wright.

Against the motion – (0)

Abstained – (3) Councillors Mrs E Atkins, D Lomax and K P Morgan.

41/14 MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

On the motion of Councillor Mrs Janet A Hill,
duly seconded,

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

- (a) Regulatory – Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 3 February 2014.
- (b) Regulatory – Planning Committee held on 27 January and 10 March 2014.
- (c) Pensions and Investment Committee held on 12 February 2014.
- (d) Audit Committee held on 14 January 2014.
- (e) Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places held on 19 March 2014.
- (f) Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - People held on 5 March 2014.
- (g) Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Resources held on 13 March 2014.
- (h) Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health held on 24 March 2014.
- (i) Improvement and Scrutiny Management Committee held on 11 February 2014.
- (j) Health and Wellbeing Board held on 6 February 2014.
- (k) Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel held on 30 January 2014.
- (l) Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority held on 12 December 2013.