

Council

Date: Tuesday, 11 October 2022

Time: 18:45

Venue: Cathedral Room

Present: Councillor Ruth Alcroft, Councillor Trevor Allison, Councillor Louise Atkinson, Councillor James Bainbridge, Councillor Robert Betton, Councillor Pamela Birks, Councillor Jeffrey Bomford, Councillor Mrs Marilyn Bowman, Councillor Lisa Brown, Councillor Nigel Christian, Councillor John Collier, Councillor Dr Helen Davison, Councillor Gareth Ellis, Councillor Ms Jo Ellis-Williams, Councillor Mrs Christine Finlayson, Councillor Mrs Anne Glendinning, Councillor Colin Glover, Councillor Stephen Higgs, Councillor Neville Lishman, Councillor Mrs Elizabeth Mallinson, Councillor John Mallinson, Councillor Mrs Ann McKerrell, Councillor Keith Meller, Councillor Mrs Linda Mitchell, Councillor Michael Mitchelson, Councillor David Morton, Councillor Lucy Patrick, Councillor Tim Pickstone, Councillor Fiona Robson, Councillor David Shepherd, Councillor Miss Lee Sherriff, Councillor Christopher Southward, Councillor Peter Sunter, Councillor Dr Les Tickner, Councillor Raymond Tinnion, Councillor Miss Jeanette Whalen, Councillor Christopher Wills

Officers: Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services

C.112/22 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Paul Nedved.

C.113/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

C.114/22 Minutes

The Mayor moved the receipt and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 19 July 2022.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 19 July 2022 be received; and were signed by the Mayor.

C.115/22 Public and Press

RESOLVED - It was agreed that the items in Part A be dealt with in public and the items in private be dealt with in Part B.

C.116/22 Announcements

(i) The Mayor announced a minute's silence was to be observed to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, Mr W Geddes, Mayoral Consort 2008/09, and Mrs Lexi Collier, Mayoress 1999/2000.

(ii) The Leader of the Council announced that Councillor Meller had asked to be relieved of his Portfolio Holder duties, the areas formerly within his portfolio were returned to the Leader. The Scheme of Delegation would be updated accordingly.

(iii) Members of the Executive

There were no announcements from Members of the Executive.

(iv) Town Clerk and Chief Executive

There were no announcements from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

C.117/22 Questions by Members of the Public

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.1, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of the following questions submitted on notice by a member of the public:

"1. Unless the Executive approve budget to keep the Turkish Baths open they will close when GLL cease to be responsible for the James Street Baths in October. Historic England Guidelines on Managing Risks in Vacant Historic Buildings, requires that prior to mothballing the Turkish Baths, the Council should undertake an 'investment appraisal' to take account of the costs, risks and legal responsibilities arising from leaving a building unmaintained and unsecured. Has the City Council undertaken an investment appraisal of the Turkish Baths?

In responding the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder advised that the City Council was fully aware of the guidance and that an appropriate investment appraisal had been made. The Council is already committed to the preservation of the property and the long term use of this building, it has secured significant resources to develop these plans and it awaits The Friend's feasibility study and business plan to assess if these may protect the site's future.

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.8 the following supplementary question was put by the member of the public:

"The 'Building management and statutory compliance cost analysis' report on which the Executive based their decision to close the Turkish Baths was, I quote, "provided for the purposes of budget estimation only and firm quotations would need to be obtained"

When obtaining the firm quotations will be ensure the following items are fully costed as part of the Investment Appraisal the Council is required to undertake:

- Conservation surface clean of all internal surfaces;
- Assessment by an approved glass conservation advisor;
- Assessment from an approved ceramics conservation advisor;
- Assessment from an approved furniture conservation advisor;
- Fixed scaffold for the protection of internal significant features:
- Conservation Joiner;
- Photography and documentation;

- Protection materials for stained glass internals and externals;
- Protection materials for tiled features;
- Weekly monitoring and inspection of interiors, including dust extraction;
- Environmental monitoring inspection recording, materials, equipment and software;
- Post building works / post mothballing costs.

In addition to these items, best practice in the management of Vacant Historic Buildings, also recommends a full set of measured drawings of the building. As no measured drawings for the building exist will he commit to ensure that a full set of measured drawings is procured by the City Council.

The Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder responded that he was confident Officers would take such matters into account as they continued to look after the building.

2. Last year Carlisle, and the other Cumbria local authorities, received a grant of £70,000 from Historic England to establish a Local List of Heritage Assets. The criteria for the list is much broader than the national criteria for listed buildings and will therefore contain many more buildings of architectural, historic or archaeological interest.

Nominations were to be considered by a panel of representatives from local councils and heritage groups this spring.

When will the 'Local List of Heritage Assets for Carlisle District be published?"

The Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder advised that following the receipt of funding a new Local List for Cumbria was in development. An assessment panel made up of local authority elected members and representatives from regional amenity societies was created in November 2021, and the Panel had held three meetings (March, July and September) to assess submissions so far - of which there have been 65. Three submissions had been made so far from within Carlisle District. These were: 1. Cumberland House, Westmorland House and The Coppice, Carleton Clinic; 2. Natural Tarn with surrounding plantation woodland and pleasure grounds to the north of Tarn Lodge; 3 The Enterprise Centre, James St, Carlisle. These additions were subject to ratification but had been recommended for acceptance. The list would be published on the Council's website, Officers would provide the relevant link to the questioner.

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.8 the following supplementary question was put by the member of the public:

"Under the Council's own District Local Plan, the Council is committed to encouraging owners of vacant or under-used historic buildings (designated or undesignated) to promote their re-use or more efficient existing use. In the case of the Turkish Baths the Council is committed to working with itself as the owner of the historic building.

Please could you detail the budget allocated by the City Council in the current financial year to promote - not operate - the more efficient use of the Turkish Baths and its reuse once the building becomes vacant? If you do not have detailed figures to hand, will you undertake to write to me detailing the budget allocated?

Responding to the question, the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder confirmed that the Council was committed to supporting owners of unoccupied historic buildings, listed or not, to be brought back into use. The Portfolio Holder undertook to provide a written response to the questioner regarding the budget in the current financial year for the promotion of the Turkish Baths and its reuse once it became vacant.

RESOLVED - That the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder write to the questioner

with details of the budget in the current financial year for the promotion of the Turkish Baths and its reuse once it became vacant.

C.118/22 Presentation of Petitions and Deputations

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.11, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported that no petitions or deputations had been submitted by members of the public.

C.119/22 Questions from Members of the Council

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported that the following question had been submitted on notice by Councillor Pickstone:

“Could the Leader, or the appropriate Cabinet Member, inform members whether the Council has plans to work with partners to ensure that there are 'warm hubs' or 'heat banks' across the City in the coming winter. As the Leader will be aware, many people, including many vulnerable people, will be struggling with heating bills. Other Council areas are ensuring that there are buildings designated as 'warm hubs'. Is this something we can achieve in Carlisle working with our partners at the County Council, with Town and Parish Councils, village halls and community groups? “

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder responded that Cumbria County Council was the lead authority for social care and vulnerable groups along with Public Health Alliance, with the relevant Portfolio Holder taking the lead. The City Council was working with the county council, private and voluntary sector partners both pre and post pandemic to pool resources. In relation to 'warm hubs' the Council was represented by Officers from the Homelessness, Health and Wellbeing and Benefits Advice teams. The Sustainable Warmth Scheme and government energy bill payment of £400 per household were in operation.

The Leader added that as a local member in Arthuret Parish Council, he and Councillor Shepherd had secured funding to facilitate a warm meeting space for people to use on a weekly basis, other Members were welcome to apply for funding.

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.6 Councillor Pickstone asked the following supplemental question:

" The next Council meeting was a month away, could the work be made urgent, could the Portfolio Holder use their influence to ensure work is happening at pace?"

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder thanked Councillor Pickstone for his question and noted that the Council continued to operate with a grant system that was very active, she thanked Officers for their hard work.

C.120/22 Minutes of the Executive

Councillor Mallinson (J) moved, and Councillor Ellis seconded that the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 25 July and 30 August 2022 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 25 July and 30 August 2022 be received and adopted.

C.121/22 Executive - Portfolio Holder Reports

Copies of reports from the following Portfolio Holders had been circulated prior to the meeting:

C.121/22(i) Culture, Heritage and Leisure

The Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder moved his report and responded to questions regarding: the City of Lights event; the opening of the redeveloped Sands Centre; the Carlisle and Victorian Turkish Baths; Tribe; and summer concerts at Bitts Park.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder be received.

C.121/22(ii) Communities, Health and Wellbeing

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder moved her report and responded to questions regarding: the Police Hub and street lighting.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder be received.

C.121/22(iii) Environment and Transport

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved his report and responded to questions regarding: the resilience of the Council's refuse and recycling fleet in hot weather conditions and charges for refuse receptacles for at new properties.

In relation to the list of sites identified as conservation grassland areas, Councillor Allison asked whether Eastern Way had been considered?

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder undertook to provide a written response on the matter.

RESOLVED - 1) That the report of the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder be received.

2) That the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder provide a written response to Councillor Allison regarding whether Eastern Way had been considered as a site for a conservation grassland area.

C.121/22(iv) Economy, Enterprise and Housing

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder moved her report and advised that a submission had been made to the Rural England Prosperity Fund and was now awaiting approval, further information on the matter would be provided to a future meeting of the Council. The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder responded to questions regarding: the inclusion of the relevant Ward Members in meetings of the High Streets Task Force and giving more focus to rural matters in future reports.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder be received.

C.121/22(v) Finance, Governance and Resources

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved his report and responded to questions regarding: income from city centre car parks and the transfer of staff to the new unitary authority.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder be received.

C.121/22(vi) Leader's Portfolio

The Leader moved his report and responded to questions regarding: Tribe and a legacy project for Carlisle City Council.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Leader be received.

C.122/22 Minutes

The Mayor moved and Councillor Glover seconded receipt and adoption of the minutes of the meetings as detailed within Minute Book Volume 49(2):

Committee	Meeting Date
People Panel	14 July 2022
Place Panel	21 July 2022
Regulatory Panel	6 July; 21 July and 17 August 2022
Licensing Committee	6 July 2022
Development Control Committee	22 June; 24 June; 3 August and 5 August 2022
Audit Committee	8 July and 27 July 2022

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings as detailed [49(2)] above be received and adopted.

C.123/22 Scrutiny

Copies of reports from the following Scrutiny Panel Chairs had been circulated prior to the meeting:

C.124/22(i) Chair of People Panel

Councillor Glover moved his Chair's Report.

RESOLVED - That the Report of the Chair be received.

C.124/22(ii) Chair of Place Panel

Councillor Bainbridge moved his Chair's Report.

RESOLVED - That the Report of the Chair be received.

C.124/22(iii) Chair of Resources Panel

Councillor Finlayson moved her Chair's Report and responded to Members' questions thereon.

RESOLVED - That the Report of the Chair be received.

C.125/22 Notice of Motion

1. Cost of Living Crisis

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of the following motion submitted on notice by Councillor Alcroft:

" Carlisle City Council notes the severe financial pressures facing many households at this time. Though this has been acknowledged nationally, with some actions proposed, the likelihood is that these pressures will increase significantly in the coming months.

The Council therefore calls on its members to declare a Cost of Living Crisis within Carlisle and to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking him to urge the government to bring forward additional solutions, both short and long term to alleviate the immense pressures households across Carlisle and the country are experiencing."

Councillor Alcroft moved and Councillor Dr Tickner seconded the motion.

Councillor Alcroft then expanded upon the reasons for the submission of the motion, expressing the hope that Members would lend their support.

Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams gave notice of an amendment, copies of which were tabled:

Delete everything after the first sentence of the first paragraph and replace with:

We acknowledge and welcome the help already given by the
Government:

This Council welcomes:

- A £150 non-repayable rebate for households in England in council tax bands A to D, known as the Council Tax Rebate.
- £144 million of discretionary funding for billing authorities to support any household in need, regardless of their council tax band, known as the Discretionary Fund. Carlisle City Council used this fund to give £50 to those households not in A to D.
- Total support of direct cash to Carlisle council taxpayers. £7.2 million for Carlisle.
- A £400 grant for all domestic energy customers which will appear as a credit from energy suppliers from October 2022. The total for 53,110 households. £21.2 million for Carlisle.

- £650 Cost of Living payment for those who already receive financial support.

More than 8 million households in England on means tested benefits will receive a payment of £650. This includes all households who receive Universal Credit, Income- based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Pension Credit. Department of Work and Pensions will make the payment in two lump sums – the first from July, the second in the autumn. Payments from HMRC for those on Tax Credits only will follow shortly after each to ensure there are no duplicate payments. The government will make these payments directly to households across the UK. For the Carlisle Constituency only this is 10,900 families £7 million for Carlisle.

- **£300 Pensioner Cost of Living Payment** All pensioner households will receive an extra £300 to help them cover the rising cost of energy this winter. Pensioners are disproportionately impacted by higher energy costs, and many low-income pensioner households do not claim the means tested benefits they are entitled to. This payment will go to the over 8 million pensioner households who receive the Winter Fuel Payment. The Pensioner Cost of Living Payment will come as a top-up to annual Winter Fuel Payments in November/December. For most pensioner households, this will be paid by direct debit, is not taxable and does not affect eligibility for other benefits. The government will make these payments directly to households across the UK. 22,500 households are eligible for this support, an extra £6.7million for Carlisle.
- **£150 Disability Cost of Living Payment.** People with disabilities will receive an extra £150 to help with the particular extra costs they face. Six million people who receive Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment, Attendance Allowance, Scottish Disability Benefits, Armed Forces Independence Payment, Constant Attendance Allowance and War Pension Mobility Supplement will receive the support as a one off payment in September. These payments will be exempt from tax, will not count towards the benefit cap, and will not have any impact on existing benefit awards. The government will make these payments directly to households across the UK. 9,500 in Carlisle Constituency. £1.35 million for Carlisle.
- **A New Energy Price Guarantee** The Energy Price Guarantee will reduce the unit cost of electricity and gas so that a typical household in Great Britain pays, on average, around £2,500 a year on their energy bill, for the next 2 years, from 1 October 2022. The consumer saving will be based on usage, but on average usage a household will save £1,000 a year (based on current prices from October). Energy suppliers will be fully compensated by the government for the savings delivered to households. Your actual bill and savings could be higher or lower depending on the size of your home, how well it is insulated, how many people live there and how much energy you use. This is the single biggest market intervention in recent history and turns back the clock from the introduction of market only pricing introduced in the early 2000s. This alone represents £53 million for Carlisle.

Typical Bills - 2019 median consumption (Dual fuel, annual basis)

Property type	Under October price cap	Under government Energy Price Guarantee	Difference
All dwellings	£3,550	£2,500	£1,050
Houses	£3,800	£2,650	£1,150
Detached	£4,700	£3,300	£1,400
Semi Detached	£3,800	£2,650	£1,150
End Terraced	£3,500	£2,450	£1,050
Mid Terraced	£3,300	£2,350	£950
Bungalow	£3,500	£2,450	£1,050
Flats	£2,450	£1,750	£700
Converted flat	£2,750	£1,950	£800
Purpose built flat	£2,400	£1,750	£650

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The motion as amended to read:

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The meeting adjourned from 20:00 to 20:15

Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams moved and Councillor Mrs Mallinson seconded the amendment.

Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams elaborated on the reasons for the submission of the amendment.

Discussion arose with input from a number of Members of the City Council.

Councillor Alcroft thanked Members for the many valid points raised in discussion; and in accordance with Procedure Rule 14.7 indicated her willingness to support the amended motion. Accordingly, the amended motion became the substantive motion.

RESOLVED - The substantive motion as set out above was **CARRIED**.

2. Proportional Representation

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of the following motion on notice by Councillor Dr Davison:

“Carlisle City Council notes that:

Decisions central government makes around legislation and funding, and its wider political ethos, impact across all aspects of council functioning. They manifest in the need for services in our community and the capacity and ability of council to provide services. It is, therefore, in the best interests of our residents that we have a fair electoral system that produces the best quality representative government possible.

First Past the Post (FPTP) voting, used to elect our MPs, is archaic, unfair and unrepresentative of the way in which our communities cast their votes.

FPTP originated when land-owning aristocrats dominated parliament and voting was restricted to property-owning men.

In Europe, only the UK and authoritarian Belarus still use single-round FPTP for general elections. Meanwhile, internationally, Proportional Representation (PR) is used to elect parliaments in more than 80 countries. Those countries tend to be more equal, freer, consensual and greener.

PR ensures all votes count, have equal value, and those seats won match votes cast. Under PR, MPs and Parliaments better reflect the age, gender and protected characteristics of local communities and the nation.

MPs better reflecting our communities leads to improved decision-making, wider participation and increased levels of ownership of decisions taken.

PR would end minority rule, which is the norm with FPTP. In 2019, 43.6% of the vote produced a government with 56.2% of the seats and 100% of the power.

PR also, critically, prevents ‘wrong winner’ elections such as occurred in 1951 and February 1974.

Both main UK parties have campaigns for electoral reform to replace FPTP with a PR based voting system, Conservative Action for Electoral Reform (<https://conservativeelectoralreform.org.uk/>) and Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform (<https://labouforelectoralreform.org.uk/>) respectively.

PR is already used to elect the parliaments and assemblies of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, leaving Westminster lagging behind.

Carlisle City Council therefore calls on the leader of council to write to H.M. Government calling for a change in our outdated electoral laws to enable Proportional Representation to be used for general elections.”

Councillor Dr Davison moved and Councillor Brown seconded the motion.

Councillor Dr Davison elaborated on her reasons for the submission of her motion expressing the hope that the City Council would be supportive thereof.

Discussion arose, during which a number of Members of the Council voiced their support for / opposition to the motion.

Councillor Dr Davison responded to points raised during the debate.

The matter was put to the vote and it was:

RESOLVED - That the motion **FELL**

3. Cost of Living Support

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported receipt of the following motion submitted on notice by Councillor Brown.

"We propose that this Council sets aside a fund of £110,000 to support households facing fuel poverty across Carlisle this winter. Energy costs are spiralling leaving many unable to pay these bills. The fund would be administered by Carlisle CACE who have experience of this type of scheme. The £110,000 would include all scheme administration costs and the grants would be limited to a maximum of £100 per household. The allocation would not be time limited. This funding would be subject to a grant funding agreement and be in addition to any support scheme central government or the County Council may introduce."

Councillor Brown moved and Councillor Dr Tickner seconded the motion.

Councillor Ellis gave notice of an amendment, copies of which were tabled.

Delete everything after the first sentence and replace with:

We welcome the substantial support from the Government and extra help from Cumbria County Council. The fund would be administered by Carlisle City Council who have experience of this type of scheme, if we are not able to administer, we will contact third parties such as CACE to do so on our behalf. The £110,000 would include all scheme administration costs and the grants would be limited to a maximum of £100 per household. The allocation would not be time limited. This funding would be in addition to any support scheme central government, or the County Council may introduce.

To comply with the Financial Procedure Rules it is necessary for the Council to note:

- i) The consequence of accepting this motion is that there will be an increase in the Council's non- recurring revenue budget for 2022/23 of £110,000 which can be funded via the Council's Scheme of Virement. As the costs are in excess of £70,000, full Council will need to approve this and it is recommended that this be funded from an underspend in the current 2022/23 revenue budget and specifically from the unused budgetary provision for Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP), which is underspend and can accommodate the costs of this proposal (£110,000).
- ii) A future meeting of Executive will need to take place to determine the operation of the scheme and the corporate implications.

Amended motion to read:

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- ii) A future meeting of Executive will need to take place to determine the operation of the scheme and the corporate implications.

The meeting adjourned from 21:15 to 21:37

Councillor Ellis moved and Councillor Bainbridge seconded the amendment.

Councillor Ellis set out his reasons for the submission of the amendment.

Councillor Bainbridge expressed his support for the amendment.

Following advice from the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services, Councillor Ellis agreed the following word change to the amendment:

"To comply with the Financial Procedure Rules it is necessary for Council to note:" replace 'note' with 'approve'.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 14.7 the meeting consented to Councillor Brown altering the motion in accordance with the proposed amendment. Accordingly, the amended motion became the substantive motion.

RESOLVED - That the motion set out below be CARRIED.

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C.126/22 Proposals from the Executive in relation to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework

C.126/22(i) Carlisle Town Deal

Pursuant to Minute EX.95/22, consideration was given to an update on the Carlisle Town Deal Businesses cases and a request the projects to be added to the Capital Programme and Revenue Budget to enable delivery to commence and allow grant funding to be drawn up for the projects to be delivered by external third parties. Report ED.24/22 and relevant Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Mrs Bowman moved the recommendations and Councillor Ellis seconded them.

RESOLVED - That Council:

1. Approved a budget of £15,888,000 be added to the Council's Capital Programme, according the financial profile for the years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025- 26 as set out in Table 2 of report ED.24/22;
2. Approved a budget of £797,000 be added to the Council's Revenue Budget, according the financial profile for the years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025- 26 as set out in Table 2 of report ED.24/22;
3. Approved a budget of £3,015,000 be added to the Council's Capital Programme, according the financial profile for the years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 as set out in Table 2 of report ED.24/22 subject to final approval of the business case the DLUHC.

C.127/22 Civic and Ceremonial Issues Arising from LGR

Consideration was given to a report from the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services of the impact of Local Government Reorganisation on various civic and ceremonial issues, including the Mayoralty and the crest. Report GD.55/22 were circulated.

Councillor Ellis moved the recommendations and Councillor J Mallinson seconded them.

Councillor Dr Davison sought clarification on the following points: who were the Charter Trustees for Carlisle; were the Trustees necessary in the event of Cumberland Council adopting a Local Committee model; and where had the report originated?

The Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services responded that the purpose of the Charter Trustees was to retain the city's civic and ceremonial rights, privileges, property and insignia until such time as new arrangements were put in place. The practice was a standard interim measure employed during local government reorganisation.

RESOLVED - That the City Council agreed:

- 1) To transfer its Armorial Bearings and the registered trademarks to the Charter Trustees for Carlisle, and authorised Officers to take the appropriate steps, including payment of fee to do so.
- 2) To transfer its ceremonial historic property and civic regalia, including but not necessarily limited to those items in the list at Appendix A of report GD.55/22, to the Charter Trustees for Carlisle and to authorise Officers to take all appropriate steps to do so.
- 3) That the tradition of admission to the Ancient Freeman Rolls every year on Ascension Day should be maintained by the Charter Trustees for Carlisle.

C.128/22 Proposed Change to Scrutiny Panel Remits

Consideration was given to a report from the Monitoring Officer setting out proposed changes to the Scrutiny Panel remits which required a revision to the City Council's Constitution. Report GD.54/22 and relevant Minute Extracts were circulated.

Councillor J Mallinson moved the recommendations and Councillor Ellis seconded them.

RESOLVED - That Council endorsed and approved the changes to the City Council Constitution as set out in report GD.54/22.

C.129/22 Communications

There were no communications or items of business brought forward by the Mayor as a matter of urgency to be dealt with at the meeting.

C.130/22 Public and Press

RESOLVED - That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph Number 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the 1972 Local Government Act.

C.131/22 Proposals from the Executive in relation to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework

C.132/22(i) Carlisle Station Gateway

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

Pursuant to Minute EX.102/22 consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Economic Development setting out an overview of the Carlisle Station Gateway project and the role of the City Council to enable its delivery. Private report ED.23/22 and relevant Minute Extracts were circulated.

Councillor Mrs Bowman moved the recommendations and Councillor Ellis seconded them.

RESOLVED - That Council:

1. Noted the Carlisle Station Gateway project proposals and the site assembly and land transfers required to enable its delivery.
2. Gave approval to the disposal of The Pools site and the public toilets at Court Square to Cumbria County Council at nil consideration on final terms to be agreed by the Head of Property Services following consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Corporate Directors of Economic Development and Governance & Regulatory Services

The Meeting ended at: 21:55