



Council

Date: Tuesday, 03 January 2023

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 Mrs Marilyn Bowman, Councillor Lisa Brown, Councillor Nigel Christian, Councillor John Collier, Councillor Dr Helen Davison, 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 Keith Meller, Councillor Mrs Linda Mitchell, Councillor Michael Mitchelson, Councillor David Morton, Councillor Paul Nedved, 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.01/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Jeffrey Bomford, Councillor Gareth Ellis, Councillor Ms Jo Ellis-Williams and Councillor Mrs Anne McKerrell.

C.02/23 Minutes

The Mayor moved the receipt and adoption of the minutes of the meetings of the City Council held on 8 November and 13 December 2022.

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 8 November and 13 December 2022 be received; and were signed by the Mayor.

C.03/23 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.04/23 Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct the following declarations of interest were submitted in respect of Item 19. Tullie House Business Plan:

Councillor Brown declared an interest as she was an Executive Member of the Shadow Authority for Cumberland.

Councillor Southward declared an interest as he was an Executive Member of the Shadow Authority for Cumberland.

Councillor Glendinning declared an interest as she was a Member of the Shadow Authority for Cumberland.

Councillor Glover declared an interest as he was the City Council's representative on the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust Board.

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct Councillor Dr Davison declared a pecuniary interest in respect of Item 16. Elected Members' Allowances 2022/23. Her interested related to the fact that she was a City Councillor.

C.05/23 Announcements

(i) The Mayor

The Mayor announced a number of events that were being held throughout January, February and March in support of the Mayor's Charity.

(ii) The Leader of the Council

There were no announcements from the Leader.

(iii) Members of the Executive

There were no announcements from the Executive Members.

(iv) Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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

C.06/23 Questions by Members of the Public

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.1, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported that no questions had been submitted on notice by members of the public.

C.07/23 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.08/23 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 from Councillor Pickstone:

“Could the Leader, or the appropriate Executive Member, inform members of the numbers of dwellings which have been given planning permission, but have not yet been completed across the City, and also the potential number of dwellings that could be delivered on land allocated for housing development in our current Plan, for

which planning permission has not yet been given?"

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder responded that monitoring of housing completions was undertaken on an annual basis, as at 1st April 2022 the figures were:

- 3,285 homes with permission which were either under construction or had yet to be started (the monitoring did not distinguish the two);
- 8 local plan site allocations that had yet to secure planning permission which collectively had the capacity to deliver some 578 homes.

Monitoring for the 2022/23 period would be undertaken over the April/May period.

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

"Could the Portfolio Holder confirm that the City Council was working hard to bring sites forward to contribute the City's economic growth?"

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder provided assurances that the City Council worked hard to bring economic development to the City and would continue to do so until Vesting Day.

C.09/23 Minutes of the Executive

The Leader moved, and the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder seconded that the minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 21 November and 19 December 2022 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 21 November and 19 December 2022 be received and adopted.

C.10/23 Executive - Portfolio Holder Reports

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

C.11/23 Culture, Heritage and Leisure

In moving his report the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder thanked the Council's Events team for the excellent and varied events that had taken place across the City in the lead up to Christmas. The Portfolio Holder responded to questions regarding: tickets access and promotion for the City of Lights event; the success and footfall at the Old Fire Station; the impact of the Christmas Market on the economy and Tribe.

RESOLVED - 1) That the report of the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder be received.

2) That the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder provide Councillor Dr Davison and Councillor Allison with comparative information showing the attendance figures for the Old Fire Station compared to pre Covid attendance figures.

C.12/23 Communities, Health and Wellbeing

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder was very proud to announce that the City Council had achieved the Armed Forces Covenant - Gold Award for its 'outstanding' support for the Armed Forces Community. The City Council was the only Cumbrian District Council to achieve the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award. The Portfolio Holder moved her report and responded to a request for a Member to join a shift with the Safer Street Officers.

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

C.13/23 Environment and Transport

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder gave thanks to the Civil Enforcement Team for their outstanding work in monitoring and reducing the fly tipping at bring sites over the Christmas period. He moved his report and responded to questions regarding: the impact of the successful fly tipping campaign on other areas; the reinstatement of the short term drop off point at the Sands Centre; public transport to the Sands Centre; the impact of the free car parking on the economy and the environment.

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

C.14/23 Economy, Enterprise and Housing

In moving her report the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder reported that the Council's Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan had been agreed by government. The Portfolio Holder moved her report and responded to questions regarding the Southern Relief Road and the City Centre Task Force.

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

C.15/23 Finance, Governance and Resources

The Leader moved the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder report and responded to questions regarding the introduction of voter ID and the electoral register.

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

C.16/23 Leader's Portfolio

The Leader moved his report and responded to questions regarding the Central Plaza site and the future of the Carlisle Partnership.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Leader be received.

C.17/23 Minutes

The Mayor moved and Councillor Glover seconded receipt and adoption of the minutes of the meetings as detailed within Minute Book Volume 49(4):

Committee	Meeting Date
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People Panel	24 November 2022
Place Panel	13 October and 1 December 2022
Regulatory Panel	23 November 2022
Development Control Committee	28 October, 7 December and 9 December 2022
Audit Committee	10 November and 8 December 2022
Appeals Panel	25 October 2022

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings as detailed [Volume 49(4)] above be received and adopted.

C.18/23 Scrutiny

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

C.19/23 Chair of the People Panel

Councillor Glover moved his Chair's Report and responded to questions regarding the preservation of the closed Turkish Baths building.

RESOLVED - That the Report of the Chair be received.

C.20/23 Chair of the Place Panel

Councillor Bainbridge moved his Chair's Report and responded to questions regarding the display of roman artefacts.

RESOLVED - That the Report of the Chair be received.

C.21/23 Chair of the Resources Panel

Councillor Finlayson moved her Chair's Report.

RESOLVED - That the Report of the Chair be received.

C.22/23 Notice of Motion

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Corporate Director of Governance and regulatory Services reported that no motions had been submitted on notice by Members of the Council.

C.23/23 Proposals from the Executive in relation to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework

C.24/23 Caldew Riverside Remediation

Pursuant to Minute EX.158/22, consideration was given to the progress made in understanding the nature of the contamination on the Caldew Riverside site and the development of a strategy for its remediation. Report ED.01/23 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder moved and the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder seconded the recommendations.

RESOLVED - That Council:

- 1) Noted the contents of the report, including the risk associated with the ownership of the Caldew Riverside site and the proposed approach to its remediation.
- 2) Noted the support from Homes England in developing a business case to draw down the additional funding required to fully remediate the site and enable it to be developed for housing.
- 3) Approve the creation of an earmarked reserve of £100,000, to be funded from virements from 2022/23 underspends, to be released over three years (from 2023/24) to be allocated to the project to support the delivery of the proposed remedial strategy.

C.25/23 Capital Budget Overview and Monitoring Budget

Pursuant to Minute EX.151/22, consideration was given to a request to carry forward capital budget from 2022/23 into 2023/24. Report RD.53/22 and the relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

The Leader moved the recommendations which were seconded by the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder.

RESOLVED - That Council approved the re-profiling of capital projects, as carry forward requests, totalling £5,000,000 to 2023/24 as set out in report RD.53/22.

C.26/23 Elected Members' Allowances 2022/23

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources detailing the proposed increase to Members' Allowances for 2022/23. Report RD.54/22 had been circulated.

The Leader noted the options available to Council and moved that members' allowances were increased by 4.04% as set out in section 2.3 of the report. Councillor Dr Tickner seconded the recommendation.

RESOLVED - That Council:(i) noted the pay award for staff and approved an increase to members' allowances of 4.04%, based upon the options set out in report RD.54/22, for a one-year period effective from 1 April 2022, to ensure compliance with the approved Elected Members' Allowance Scheme; and
(ii) approved the virement to utilise revenue savings in the 2022/23 revenue budget to fund the proposed increase if current provisions are not sufficient.

C.27/23 Operation of the provisions relating to call-in and urgency

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 15(j) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported (GD.01/23) on the Operation of Call-in and Urgency Procedures over the past year.

RESOLVED – That report GD.01/23 be noted.

C.28/23 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.29/23 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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph numbers (as indicated in brackets against the minutes) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

C.30/23 Proposals from the Executive in relation to the Council's Budget and Policy Framework

C.31/23 Tullie House Business Plan

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

Pursuant to Minute EX.167/22, consideration was given to the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust 2022/2023 – 2031/32 Business Plan for the 2023/24 financial year.

The Culture, Leisure and Heritage Portfolio Holder moved and the Leader seconded the recommendations.

RESOLVED - That the Council reviewed the Tullie House Business Plan and recommended it to the Shadow Cumberland Executive.

The Meeting ended at: 20:10