

Council

Date: Tuesday, 28 March 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 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 Paul Nedved, Councillor Lucy Patrick, Councillor Tim Pickstone, Councillor Fiona Robson, Councillor David Shepherd, 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 Resources

C.54/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Lee Sherriff and Councillor Christopher Southward.

C.55/23 Minutes

The Mayor moved the receipt and adoption of the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on the 28 February 2023.

RESOLVED - 1) That the minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on the 28 February 2023 be received; and were signed by the Mayor.

2) That authority to approve the minutes of the meeting on 28 March 2023 be delegated to the Mayor following consultation with Members of the Council and the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services.

C.56/23 Public and Press

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

C.57/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

C.58/23 Announcements

(i) The Mayor

The Mayor welcomed Members to the final meeting of Carlisle City Council. On 1 April 2023 the council was to become part of the new Cumberland Council, he hoped all those involved in the new organisation would strive for the benefit of residents to deliver the best possible services on their behalf. The final meeting was an opportunity to reflect on the many successes of the City Council: he believed that Carlisle had a bright and strong future.

The Mayor paid tribute to all the Members of the City Council across the organisation's forty nine years of existence who had devoted their time and work to the city and its residents and gave his best wishes to those Councillors joining Cumberland Council as they worked to continue to develop the city in the future.

The Mayor expressed his gratitude to all staff of the City Council, both past and present for their work on behalf of the city. He thanked the Senior Management Team for the support they had given to Council and wished them the very best for the future. The Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Economic Development were to take on roles in the new Cumberland Council, the wished them success in their endeavours and looked forward to working with the Officers at the new authority. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive, the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources, and the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services were moving on to pastures new, on behalf of Council the Mayor expressed gratitude for their years of service on behalf of the city.

The Mayor was thankful for the support of the Deputy Mayor during his year in that office, he further commended Councillor Glover for his many years of service to the Council.

The Mayor thanked Members for their support of his Charity Committee and advised one further fundraising event was to be held at Narworth Castle.

The Mayor announced the sad passing of former Councillor John Bell. Mr Bell had been a Member of the City Council from 2007 until 2019 and had been the Chair of the Regulatory Panel and the Licensing Committee from 2012 until his retirement. Mr Bell had been a fine gentleman in his conduct.

Council held a minute's silence in memory of Mr Bell.

(ii) The Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council had been enormously privileged and proud to lead the authority. The Council had experienced both challenges and achievements over the years which staff at all levels of the organisation had responded to admirably he expressed his gratitude for the support given by staff.

Members of the Council came from different political perspectives, regardless of which they had all had the interests of the residents of the city at heart. He hoped

Carlisle would go on to a greater future. He reiterated his immense thanks for all those involved in the work of Carlisle City Council.

(iii) Members of the Executive

There were no announcements from Members of the Executive.

(iv) Town Clerk and Chief Executive

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive conveyed his gratitude for the privilege of serving the council for almost two decades. He thanked Members, both past and present, for their leadership and support during his tenure. The Council had faced a number of challenges including flood events and the Covid pandemic which Officers had responded to with the highest standards of service. The Town Clerk and Chief Executive articulated his appreciation for the work delivered by staff across the organisation, he highlighted the importance of governance and finance had played in enabling the successful operation of the City Council and in doing so expressed his thanks to the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services and the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources for leading staff in those areas. Looking to the future, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive considered unitary local government was the right path going forward he wished the new Cumberland Council its Officers and Councillors success.

C.59/23 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.60/23 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.61/23 Questions from Members of the Council

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported that no questions were submitted on Notice by Members of the City Council.

C.62/23 Minutes of the Executive

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 20 March 2023 be received and adopted.

C.63/23 Executive - Portfolio Holder Reports

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

C.63/23(i) Culture, Leisure and Heritage

The Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder submitted his report and offered his thanks for all the support he had received from fellow Members and Officers during his nine years as a Councillor. He praised the performance of the Council which had routinely been excellent, he felt privileged to have contributed to the work of the authority.

A Discover Carlisle video showcasing the city was displayed on screen.

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

C.63/23(ii) Communities, Health and Wellbeing

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder submitted her report. She reflected on her thirty two years of being a Councillor at both the county and city councils working for the residents of the city which had given her great satisfaction. The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder extended her thanks to the Officers of the Council for their work and in particular the Senior Management Team whose work had been outstanding.

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

C.63/23(iii) Environment and Transport

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder submitted his report, in doing so he added his appreciation to work carried out by Officers of the Council, in particular those involved in disease prevention work. He thanked the Senior Management Team for their support and praised the work of the Democratic Services team in recording the work undertaken in the Council's committees.

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

C.63/23(iv) Economy, Enterprise and Housing

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder submitted her report. During her twenty four years as a Member of the City Council she had worked with four Town Clerks, two Monitoring Officers and four Chief Finance Officers: the work carried out by the current Statutory Officers had put the city in a good state which she hoped would continue in the future. She further extended her thanks to all Officers in the organisation who had delivered services in the city.

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

C.63/23(v) Finance, Governance and Resources

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted his report.

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

C.63/23(vi) Leader's Portfolio

The Leader submitted his report.

RESOLVED - That the report of the Leader be received.

C.64/23 Minutes

The Mayor moved and Councillor Glover seconded receipt and adoption of the minutes of the meetings as detailed within the Minute Book Volume 49(6):

Committee	Meeting Date
People Panel	23 February 2023
Place Panel	2 March 2023
Regulatory Panel	15 March 2023
Development Control Committee	24 February 2023 22 and 24 March (to be tabled at Council)
Audit Committee	17 March 2023
Appeals Panel	15 February and 6 March 2023

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings as detailed [Volume 49(6)] above be received and adopted.

C.65/23 Scrutiny

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

C.65/23(i) Chair of the People Panel

Councillor Glover moved his Chair's Report in doing so he paid tribute to the work of Members, Officers and partner organisations who had been involved in the Council's scrutiny process. Councillor Glover reflected on his experience of being an Elected Member for nearly a quarter of century which had allowed him to witness the Council's response to numerous challenges as well as outstanding achievements.

RESOLVED - That the Report of the Chair be received.

C.65/23(ii) Chair of the Place Panel

Councillor Bainbridge moved his Chair's Report and responded to questions regarding

RESOLVED - That the Report of the Chair be received.

C.65/23(iii) Chair of the Resources Panel

Councillor Finlayson moved her Chair's Report and responded to questions regarding

RESOLVED - That the Report of the Chair be received.

C.66/23 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.67/23 Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23

Consideration was given to report OS.08/23 enclosing the Annual Report of the Scrutiny Panels for 2022/23. The report summarised the role of Scrutiny and reported on the work of the Scrutiny Panels during 2022-23.

Councillor Bainbridge moved and Councillor Glover seconded the report recommendations, in doing so they expressed their thanks to the Policy and Scrutiny Officer and the Democratic Services Officers for their work in supporting the Scrutiny Panels.

RESOLVED - That the Council formally accepted the Scrutiny Annual Report for 2022/23.

C.68/23 Audit Committee's Annual Report 2022/23

Pursuant to a reference from the Audit Committee, consideration was given to the Annual Report of the Audit Committee for the municipal year 2022/23 (RD.64/22). Councillor Bomford moved the report recommendations which were seconded by Councillor Mrs Mitchell.

Councillor Bomford thanked the members of the Committee for their work: he commented that the assurances which had arisen from audit reflected the quality and commitment of the work of Officers.

RESOLVED - That the Council noted and accepted the Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2022/23.

C.69/23 Operation of the Provisions relating to Call-in

Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(j), the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported (GD.15/23) on the operation of call in and urgency procedures over the past year.

RESOLVED - That report GD.15/23 be noted.

C.70/23 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.

The Meeting ended at: 19:58