

CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6.45 PM

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Bowman), Councillors Alcroft, Allison, Mrs Atkinson, Bainbridge, Betton, Birks, Bomford, Brown, Christian, Collier, Dr Davison, Denholm, Ellis, Ms Ellis-Williams, Mrs Finlayson, Mrs Glendinning, Glover, Higgs, Mrs McKerrell, McNulty, Mrs Mallinson, Mallinson (J), Meller, Mitchelson, Morton, Nedved, Paton, Patrick, Robson, Shepherd, Miss Sherriff, Southward, Tarbitt, Dr Tickner, Tinnion and Miss Whalen

ALSO

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

Chaplain's Comments

With the permission of the Mayor and on behalf of the families concerned, the Chaplain expressed thanks and appreciation to the City Councillors who had donated money to help feed the school children who benefitted from free school meals. He was very grateful for those generous donations which had enabled the provision of packed lunches from St Aidan's Church over the past week, and also on Thursday and Friday of this week.

Thanks to the kindness of a local café hot meals could also be given to those families on Thursday and Friday; those would be delivered or could be collected from Castle Gate café on Castle Street.

The Mayor thanked the Chaplain and asked that he convey the Council's gratitude to the volunteers involved in the delivery service.

C.110/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

C.111/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A roll call of persons in attendance was taken.

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, the undernoted Members declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 9 – Minutes of the Executive (14 September 2020 – Update of Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy Electrical Safety and Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards) for the reasons stated:

- Councillor Mrs Mallinson – is a landlady
- Councillor Mallinson (J) – is a landlord

C.112/20 MINUTES

The Mayor moved the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 8 September 2020.

Referencing Minute C.94/20, resolved (3)(d), Councillor Betton stated that he had asked for a 'commitment' to clarifying details of the ownership of the riverbanks / riverbeds and responsibility in terms of maintenance thereof. He wished the word 'commitment' to be added to the minute.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the insertion of the word 'commitment' as alluded to above, the Minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 8 September 2020 be received and signed as a true record of the meeting at the first practicable opportunity.

C.113/20 PUBLIC AND PRESS

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13.1(c), Councillor Brown gave notice of a motion to change the order of business in the agenda, namely that Item 13 - Notice of Motion be moved and taken as the last item of business.

Councillor Brown moved the Motion, indicating that to take Item 13 before Item 14(ii) – Local Environment (Climate Change) Strategy would undermine the debate and decisions on said item and potentially lead to poor decision making and a risk to the reputation of the Council.

Councillor Alcroft seconded the Motion.

Councillor Ellis responded that his Motion had been submitted in accordance with the Council's constitution and was entirely in order. Notices of Motion were always dealt with at that part of the agenda and there was no reason to depart from established practice.

Following voting, it was:

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Brown be CARRIED.

C.114/20 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) The Mayor

The Mayor expressed a wish to extend her thanks and gratitude to the many volunteers who had worked tirelessly throughout the City in recent months, putting others before themselves and for no personal gain. Each and every one of them was owed a huge debt of gratitude.

The Mayor added that sadly, due to the lockdown, even the scaled down Remembrance Day laying of wreaths had been cancelled. In her capacity as Mayor she would, however, lay a wreath in remembrance of those who served this country lest we forget.

(ii) The Leader of the Council

The Leader announced that, as a result of the second lockdown which was scheduled to begin on Thursday, the instruction to staff would be that they must work from home, unless there was a valid reason to come in to work.

From next week the Civic Centre would be closed on Mondays; and the Customer Contact Centre would also be closed to maximise staff safety and in order that additional staff may be directed towards manning the call centre in anticipation of an increase in the volume of calls.

(iii) Members of the Executive

The Deputy Leader reported the receipt of information, announced on Saturday, regarding Business Grants. From 5 November until 2 December 2020 the following grants would be available for people who had to close their premises and were entitled to business rates:

- Properties with a rateable value of £15,000 and under - £1,334 for four weeks
- Properties with a rateable value of between £15,000 and below £51,000 – £2,000 for four weeks
- Properties with a rateable value of £51,000 or over – £3,000 for four weeks

Importantly, an additional restrictions grant would be available to assist people who were not entitled to business rates grants, but who required assistance. That was discretionary and further guidance was awaited, but the intention was to have it up and running for the citizens and businesses of the City as soon as possible.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder indicated that he had two announcements:

- (a) In previous years the Council had supported Christmas shopping with free parking in its car parks after 3 pm on a Thursday in November and December. Sadly, as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions recently announced, it was clear that could not take place this November.

It was hoped that the offer could be restored in December and the matter would be kept under review and an announcement made if and when it was appropriate to do so.

- (b) On a slightly lighter note, Joel Hicks, Carlisle Borough Councillor and Chair of the Climate Action Commission in Carlisle, Pennsylvania had contacted the Council some weeks before to ask whether we would like to take part in an exchange of ideas.

The Portfolio Holder was pleased to say that a video meeting had been arranged between Mr Hicks and his colleagues, and the Executive and Senior Management Team to discuss greenhouse gas mitigation and targets, to take place on 12 November 2020.

(iv) Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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

C.115/20 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.116/20 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.117/20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

(a) 3G Parking

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of a question submitted on notice by Councillor Betton:

Speaking at the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Betton asked the following question:

“The 3G football pitches at Edgehill Road, Harraby, are very well used by all and extremely successful.

The demand for the use of these football pitches at weekends for club football matches has increased so much that the existing car park accommodation on site is now limited, as there are not enough car park spaces to cope with the increase in demand for both spectators and club football players’ car parking.

This results in the over spill of cars parking outside residents’ homes on Edgehill, Allandale, & Silverdale Road, which causes inconvenience to those who live there and have expressed concern.

There are a number of possibilities which can be approached, and engaged in here, to look at possibly solving the problems caused by the excess parking.

These are:

1. To negotiate the opening up of the vacated and redundant old temporary Newman school car park, Edgehill Road, which is on County Council land.
2. To submit plans to construct an extension of the existing 3G car park.
3. To encourage the use of the old Harraby Community Centre car park.
4. To look at the possibility of 3G customers using the new Pennine Way school and Harraby Community Centre car park.
5. To look at working with County Council parking enforcement and the Police regarding any obstruction or parking contravention on marked highway Lines.

Will the Leader and Portfolio Holder acknowledge there is a problem and commit and agree to:

Write to GLL, the County Council and the Police with the view of working collectively in resolving the excess parking issues through the Police HUB or other alternative routes available and report the results back to next full Council when resolved.”

The Leader responded that he fully understood that 3G pitches were well used and very successful, and that the current parking arrangements were wholly inadequate.

The Leader could inform, however, that the issue had been resolved albeit on a temporary basis. An agreement had been reached which made the vacant Newman site available for parking and that had been utilised over the preceding two weekends and had, he understood, proved very successful.

The Leader further advised that he had been approached by the County Council some weeks ago concerning a potential land swap which would entail the exchange of the old community centre site for the old primary school site. That request had been conveyed to Property Services who considered it reasonable, in principle and communicated back to the County Council. He was unsure as to whether it would progress further.

Councillor Betton could be assured that he would, as requested, write to GLL, the County Council and the Police to ascertain whether assistance could be provided towards a longer-term solution. The Leader also undertook to bring a response back to this Council, although it was not possible to provide a guarantee as regards a long-term solution.

Councillor Betton thanked the Leader for the commitment given but expressed concern regarding future development of the old NCTC site.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.6, Councillor Betton questioned whether the Leader would contact the Management Board; bring the findings back to the next Council meeting; and provide reassurance that the problem would be resolved.

The Leader confirmed that he would indeed bring the matter back to a future meeting of the Council. He was not, however, able to give firm assurances on property which the City Council did not own; but he would provide the assurance that he would strive as hard as possible to contribute towards a solution for the site.

(b) Durranhill Parking

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of a question submitted on notice by Councillor Betton:

Speaking at the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Betton agreed that his undernoted question could be taken as read:

“Three years ago land on Rosehill Industrial estate which was owned by Carlisle City Council was sold.

Previously before the land was sold it was used as a car park which provided free car parking for visitors and employees to the Rosehill Industrial Estate area.

Free car parking was offered by the new Owners but was retracted when development of the land was completed.

Residents in Durranhill are concerned about the following:

1. Introduction of parking charges on the developed land for employees which has resulted in them parking on the streets as they do not want to pay to park.
2. The knock on effect of this which has caused parking concerns for them outside their houses at Farlam Drive, Hespek Raise, Montgomery Way, Geltsdale Avenue, and other areas including Scotby fly over bridge pavements, grass verges, residents off road parks and other areas for free.

There are also highway safety concerns expressed by Durranhill residents regarding vehicles parking on and obscuring driveways and disabled access, junctions and yellow lines which obscure motorists and pedestrian vision.

These concerns have been reported, expressed and shared with City and County Council, since the sale of the land three years ago and are still ongoing despite meetings and talks which have taken place without any clear resolution reached to solve this problem.

Will the Leader and Portfolio Holder agree to help the affected residents by:

Committing to write to and work with the County Council Highways looking jointly at all options open through the authority channels to resolving the problems described.

Arranging jointly between City and County Council a second meeting with the new landowners to ask again to reconsider opening up and offering free parking again.”

The Leader replied that firstly one must recognise that when the site was developed the free parking covenant which enshrined free parking on the estate was extinguished. It was not therefore easy to see a way to reintroduce free parking as a solution to the parking problems being experienced today.

The County Council had committed to undertake some relatively minor safety works and was currently also carrying out a wider traffic survey. That had been delayed due to the pandemic, however, he understood that the findings would be reported to the Highways and Transport Working Group on which this Council was represented and to the Local Committee at its next cycle.

The Leader fully appreciated the problems experienced by residents and workers alike, and was more than happy to undertake Councillor Betton’s requests and raise the issue again with the County via the Highways and Transport Working Group. The landowners would also be approached to see whether they might be prepared to take part in a three-way meeting to discuss whether any resolution could be reached.

Councillor Betton commented upon the dangers and misery associated with people parking on verges; and that the matter had been ongoing for some three years.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.6, Councillor Betton questioned whether the Covenant could be looked at and sought a commitment that the problems would be resolved as soon as possible. He wished the matter to be reported back to the next Council meeting.

The Leader indicated that he would take further advice in terms of the Covenant. He had some difficulty in terms of the request for a commitment put forward by Councillor Betton since, if a solution could be found, the City Council could not undertake that alone and would need the co-operation of others. He took no pleasure in witnessing such difficulties in the City and would report back on the matter to a future meeting of the City Council.

(c) Riverbanks and Beds

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of a question submitted on notice by Councillor Paton:

Speaking at the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Paton agreed that his following question could be taken as read:

“Since Storm Desmond a phenomenal amount of money has been spent by this Council and the Environment Agency plus the County Council who have all been working together on the flood defences in the City plus the previous help that has been given to residents which has been greatly appreciated by all.

However no thought about dredging the rivers has been put in place as this would be greatly beneficial to all those residents who have gone through the misery and upheaval of the previous floods and the climate change is a great factor in this as well.

Will the portfolio holder commit and engage with the Environment Agency to dredge the rivers and clear the banks to give peace of mind to all our residents under the Councils riparian ownership of the riverbanks in relation to their leisure areas our parks and the golf course?.”

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder fully understood the reasons for submission of the question, and that the concerns expressed would be felt by people at this time when winter rains came on and there was the potential for river levels to rise.

He was aware that dredging was considered in detail early in the planning process for the works currently being carried out by the Environment Agency and that many people felt that dredging would be a good solution. One was, however, in this case led by the Environment Agency who were responsible for the works. The options appraisal stage looked very carefully at the potential for dredging, but concluded that it would not deliver the benefits that could be obtained by raising and in some cases extending the flood walls and banks.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder added that moving forward the channel would continue to be managed in accordance with the Maintenance and Management Plan which was currently being developed by the Environment Agency; and where the Council was the landowner, that was developed in conjunction with the authority.

Councillor Paton thanked the Portfolio Holder for his assurance. However, he disagreed with the Environment Agency on the issue of dredging, pointing to the fact that dredging of rivers had been undertaken very successfully in Ireland, and also in Somerset and Germany. Importantly, he believed that dredging on an annual basis would protect the City.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.6, Councillor Paton urged the Portfolio Holder to raise the issue with the Environment Agency and come back to this Council hopefully with a solution.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder replied that he was happy to go back to the Environment Agency with a view to trying to identify a more definitive answer. It may be possible to request that the Agency attend a future Scrutiny Panel meeting when progress may be reviewed.

(d) Kingmoor Energy From Waste

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of a question submitted on notice by Councillor Morton:

Speaking at the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Morton agreed that his following question could be taken as read:

“Can the Deputy Leader give us an update to the recommendations and conclusions of the Kingmoor Energy From Waste City Council task group?”

The Deputy Leader thanked Councillor Morton for his question and provided a recap on the background to / composition, remit and objectives of the Task Group established in March 2020 to scrutinise the permit application for the Kingmoor Energy From Waste Incinerator, including the recruitment of Ricardo Energy and the work undertaken at the meetings held on 17 June and 12 August 2020.

The final Task Group meeting took place on 28 September 2020. Councillor Nedved was in attendance following a request that consideration be given to the inclusion of a Member who did not also serve on the County Council. Following detailed consideration, the Task Group's final response (including twenty-one recommendations over seventeen pages) was submitted to the Environment Agency.

In terms of the recommendations, odour management was of importance. The Council's experts considered the Odour Management Plan which formed part of the application to be inadequate and needed to be substantially strengthened before a permit could be issued.

The most important of the recommendations related to the height of the stack of the proposed plant. The experts considered that the decision on the height of the stack was not based on evidence and could not be justified for the quantity of waste that would be processed at the plant. Their recommendation was that the stack be raised by a further 5 – 10 metres.

The Task Group noticed that the developers originally proposed to use natural gas to light up the incinerator, but subsequently changed to the use of diesel generation and the inclusion of a diesel storage tank. That was felt to be a backward step for people living close by. The Task Group had also asked for a live monitoring system for the plant. Residents and local businesses would be able to view live measuring of the stack via a website, which should provide confidence.

The Deputy Leader added that professional opinions and understanding of the detail of the application, including the use of the terminology such as 'significant' and 'insignificant' was also of importance. Throughout the process the Task Group's aim was to achieve the best outcome for the area and to put forward serious and workable recommendations to the Environment Agency.

It was the professional opinion of Dr Mark Brunfelt and Mr Andy Collins of Ricardo Energy that, if the permit was granted and those recommendations were incorporated, then the site would have an insignificant impact on air quality; and, provided it was safely operated, would represent no risk to human health.

Councillor Morton thanked the Deputy Leader for his comprehensive reply.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.6, Councillor Morton questioned whether the Deputy Leader could confirm that he and the Working Group were content with the professional advice given.

The Deputy Leader replied that there was a general consensus that the investigations and work undertaken by the Task Group had been done on a thorough basis. He added that the response submitted was amongst the largest that the City Council had undertaken in recent times. Accordingly, the Deputy Leader gave thanks to those people who had participated and also to the consultants.

The Deputy Leader added that, if Council did not mind, he would e-mail a copy of the report for Members' perusal.

(e) Proposed Energy From Waste Incinerator

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported the receipt of question submitted on notice by Councillor Dr Davison:

Speaking at the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Dr Davison asked the following question:

“It is absolutely essential that north Carlisle residents and the wider Carlisle community have confidence in the council's scrutiny of the environmental permit application which was undertaken into the proposed energy from waste incinerator.

The motion passed by this council on 3rd March 2020 agreed that the council would “....make funding available for suitable consultant(s) to review any aspects of the permit application where the environmental health department considers they have insufficient expertise”. This was a welcome move as it meant residents would not have to hire consultants themselves to scrutinise the application.

I understand that our environmental health department is commenting on noise and Ricardo was commissioned by the council and has scrutinised the application around air quality and odour issues which is really welcomed.

Has the task group organised for consultants on all areas that residents have expressed concern about such as water pollution, flood risk, fire and other accident risk, pests and the full ecological impact on the Kingmoor Nature Reserves, and if not why not?”

In response, the Deputy Leader referred Councillor Dr Davison to the answers he had already provided, and also to Minute C.40/20(iii).

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.6, Councillor Dr Davison questioned whether, given that there was now an extension to the Environment Agency consultation, the Council would commit to using that extension to work with the residents involved in the Task Group and engage further consultants as necessary to investigate those areas which had not as yet been examined by an expert consultant. It should be borne in mind that the residents had already identified a potential consultant for that.

The Deputy Leader reiterated that the response submitted by the City Council was possibly the most thorough and detailed ever undertaken in respect of consultation of that kind. He emphasised that the concerns of the various parties were sought and addressed; the response focussing upon the issues which mattered.

A professional and detailed set of recommendations was compiled, and it was hoped those would be put in place.

C.118/20 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE

Councillors Mrs Mallinson and Mallinson (J), having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, made no comment on the Executive Minutes.

Councillor Mallinson (J) moved and Councillor Ellis seconded that the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 14 and 28 September; and 12 October 2020 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 14 and 28 September; and 12 October 2020 be received and adopted.

C.119/20 EXECUTIVE - PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS

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

Culture, Heritage and Leisure
Communities, Health and Wellbeing
Environment and Transport
Economy, Enterprise and Housing
Finance, Governance and Resources
Leader's Portfolio

The Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder moved his report, indicating that he was saddened that events had largely overtaken much of the content.

The Portfolio Holder wished to pay tribute and convey his gratitude to Council staff who continued to work so hard and for putting much imagination and effort into trying to lift the spirits of the City, the Light of Hope event which took place at the Cathedral on Sunday being an example thereof.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder moved her report. Members' attention was particularly drawn to the Armed Forces Covenant Training which had been developed through the Council's e-learning provider, Skillgate, which was very positive news and constituted a step towards achievement of the Gold Award.

The Portfolio Holder was working towards the roll out of a similar programme to all Members.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved his report. In so doing, the Portfolio Holder pointed out that the waste and recycling percentages set out on page 21 of the document pack represented the percentage growth compared to the same period last year.

Whilst moving his report, the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder provided updates on the following:

- St Cuthbert's Garden Village – consultation would soon commence. Members were reminded that the Head of Planning Policy was scheduled to provide a presentation on the St Cuthbert's Garden Village Masterplan on the evening of Thursday 5 November 2020.
- Town Deal – the Portfolio Holder wished to thank the Economic Development Team; Towns Deal Board; the Regeneration Manager; and the Economic and Enterprise Officer for their hard work on the development of a Town Investment Plan and Town Deal proposal for Carlisle. It was hoped that a response may be received from the MHCLG in early Spring 2021.
- City Centre Business Growth Grant Fund – although not yet fully launched, in excess of twenty-five enquiries had been received. It was hoped the grant provision could help and support new fledgling businesses in the City Centre.
- Rough Sleeping – it was anticipated that news regarding the provision of additional funding for rough sleeping may be forthcoming in the next few weeks.
- Warm Homes Fund for First Time Central Heating – an additional seventy-five applications had been received at the end of September 2020 deadline. Funding for an additional thirty properties had now been agreed, which equated to a total of eighty-five installations, amounting to £349,000.

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved his report. Referencing page 34 – ICT Update, the Deputy Leader advised that the wording regarding the annual ICT health check for PSN compliance should have read that it had been both complicated and completed.

The Leader then moved his report.

Members questioned individual Portfolio Holders on details of their reports and it was:

RESOLVED – (1) That the reports of the Portfolio Holders be received.

(2) That the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder arrange for the provision of a written response to Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams concerning the Bitts Park Cultural and Creative Village; the response to provide further information on the scheme, specifically the anticipated footfall and key demographic.

(3) That the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder arrange to –

- (a) Raise the issue of securing further grant funding to enable the Carlisle and Eden Forces Link project to continue beyond March 2021 and the potential to extend the project to the rest of Cumbria, and provide a written response to Councillor Miss Sherriff.
- (b) Convey the thanks of Labour Group Members to staff within the Customer Contact Centre for their hard work, loyalty and commitment throughout the pandemic; and include comparative statistical data in her future Portfolio Holder reports as requested by Councillor Birks.

(4) That the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder arrange to –

- (a) Provide a written response to Councillor Betton clarifying whether there is a priority list governing the undertaking of drainage works in parks; where the funding had come from and the manner by which that was divided between the said projects.
- (b) Investigate with the Environment Agency the identification of a solution to the flooding problems on the footpaths through Melbourne Park and Keenan Park which are problematic for children, dog walkers and families in response to concerns raised by Councillor Betton.
- (c) Give further consideration to the Motion submitted on notice and agreed by Council on 7 January 2020 concerning Fireworks (Minute C.16/20(a) referred) to see what more can be done to address the issues detailed therein; and write to Government once more requesting that they consider the legislation around fireworks – as raised by Councillor Glover following concerns received from residents.
- (d) Investigate the potential to increase unmown areas and biodiversity in other parks and green spaces managed by the City Council, similar to The Swifts “Get Cumbria Buzzing” project, and respond in writing to Councillor Patrick.
- (e) Convey Councillor Bainbridge’s appreciation to the staff for the work undertaken in Yewdale Park and for keeping him informed throughout the process.

(5) That the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder arrange to:

- (a) Investigate whether the creation of Digital and Community Learning Hubs could be extended beyond the Library in the Lanes e.g. to community centres, for the benefit of local people and in order that they do not have to travel into the city centre, and respond to Councillor Glendinning.

- (b) Explore whether action needs to be taken in response to concerns raised by Councillor Glover regarding an increase in people sleeping in tents and parks, which was particularly worrying during the current pandemic and winter period.
- (c) Provide a written response to Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams setting out details of the responses to the consultation on the redevelopment of Carlisle Indoor Market; and, in consultation with the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder, give consideration to whether the Market Hall may be a more appropriate destination for the Cultural and Creative Village, as opposed to Bitts Park.
- (d) Reply in writing to the questions posed by Councillor Birks concerning the Homeless, Prevention and Accommodation Services section of his report (page 29 of the document pack) – specifically:
 - (i) 84 households had been assisted under a prevention duty with 89% positive outcome (75) – therefore what type of assistance could not be provided and what would happen to those people?
 - (ii) Would the award of £46,000 from the MHCLG Next Steps Accommodation Programme be available to assist the City Council in undertaking its statutory duties?
- (e) Include within future Portfolio Holder reports comparative data from last year (e.g. in relation to the Homelessness, Prevention and Accommodation Services' statistics on page 29) in order that Members may reach an informed view on trends around service provision as requested by Councillor Dr Tickner.
- (f) Provide a written response to Councillor Dr Tickner's questions clarifying:
 - (i) Freeports – whether Members can have sight of the Feasibility Study and Business Case, including the financial and environmental assessments, which persuaded the Executive to support the expression of interest?
 - (ii) Warm Homes Fund for First Time Central Heating – whether it was possible to use DFG funding or any additional grant funding available to progress those applications which had not yet been completed.
- (g) Respond in writing to Councillor Betton providing further information on:
 - (i) St Cuthbert's Garden Village delivery models and their feasibility / financial implications.
 - (ii) The submissions in respect of the Future High Street Fund and Town Deal, together with the associated costs and implications for the Council.

(6) That the Leader arrange to provide Councillor Glover with details of the feedback received from Carlisle Ambassador members on the kinds of support businesses would benefit from in the recovery phase as they come out of COVID-19 lockdown and open up again.

C.120/20 MINUTES

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the meetings as detailed within Minute Book Volume 47(3):

Committee	Meeting Date
Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel	27 August and 17 September 2020
Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel	3 and 17 September 2020
Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel	20 August and 1 October 2020
Regulatory Panel	9 September and 14 October 2020
Licensing Committee	9 September 2020
Development Control Committee	12 and 14 August; and 9 and 11 September 2020
Audit Committee	24 September 2020

Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams raised a point of accuracy concerning the Minutes of the 27 August 2020 Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel meeting, namely that she was in attendance but had been omitted from the Minutes.

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above, the Minutes of the meetings as detailed above be received and adopted.

C.121/20 SCRUTINY

(a) Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Paton moved his Chair's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Chair's Report be received and adopted.

(b) Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Bainbridge moved his Chair's Report, also providing an update on Disabled Facility Grants (DFG) in the following terms:

The Officer noted that the DFG application rate had picked up in the second quarter and they were not now so concerned as regards carry forward into a future year. Additional information had also been provided on the costs of individual DFG projects; financial overruns had not yet become apparent. There were some issues as regards the supply chain, not necessarily COVID-19 related.

The Chair also responded to a Member's comments that certain statements within his report were inappropriate for a public document.

RESOLVED – That the Chair's Report be received and adopted.

(c) Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Brown moved her Chair's report.

RESOLVED – That the Chair's Report be received and adopted.

C.122/20 PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

(i) Revenue Budget Overview and Monitoring Report: April to June 2020 – Virement Approval

Pursuant to Minute EX.96/20, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that Council approve non-recurring virements totalling £640,000 to fund the Leisure Contract variation in 2020/21. A copy of Report RD.38/20 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Ellis presented the report and moved the recommendation, which was duly seconded by Councillor Mallinson (J).

RESOLVED – That the City Council approved non-recurring virements totalling £640,000 to fund the Leisure Contract variation in 2020/21.

(ii) Local Environment (Climate Change) Strategy

Pursuant to Minute EX.18/20 and EX.114/20, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive concerning the Local Environment (Climate Change) Strategy. A copy of Report PC.26/20, which included consultation responses; the proposed Strategy and A Carbon Baseline for Cumbria report prepared on behalf of the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership; and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Christian presented what was a positive and important report and, in so doing, expressed thanks to the many people; Members and Officers of the Council; and members of the public who had contributed thereto.

Councillor Christian then commented upon the Strategy which would guide the Council through the challenging programme of carbon reduction which lay ahead and which would, moving forward, evolve and be developed as further knowledge and experience was gained. The Council had already taken steps e.g. amendment of its Procurement Strategy to take into account contractors' approach to zero carbon; and working with the County Council on the Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan; with Homes England and many others on the Garden Village, which aimed to be a net zero development and would, he hoped, be the model for future developments in Carlisle.

He further emphasised the very challenging nature of the 2037 net zero target date in terms of the requirement for annual reductions in the carbon footprint in food, purchased goods and visitor travel; adding that it was his belief that a target date of 2030 would be crippling and enormously damaging to the economy.

Councillor Christian concluded by moving the recommendations set out within the report, which were duly seconded by Councillor Ellis.

Pursuant to Council Procedure Rules 13.1(d) and 14.6, Councillor Alcroft gave notice of the following amendment, a copy of which was displayed on screen:

“Move reference back

Delete all existing recommendations and replace with:

- Council send the Local Environment (Climate Change) Strategy back to the Members Advisory Group to develop a comprehensive, high-level strategy which builds on the feedback from the public consultation and other local authority plans.
- That the strategy is also considered by Health and Wellbeing and Economic Growth Scrutiny Panels as a matter of urgency before returning to Executive and then Council in January 2021 for consideration.”

Councillor Alcroft moved the amendment, which was duly seconded by Councillor Glover.

Councillor Alcroft then elaborated upon the reasons for submission of the amendment and requested that Members lend their support.

The meeting adjourned at 9.28 pm and reconvened at 9.35 pm

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.8, and on the basis that cross-party support for the Motion did not appear to be forthcoming, Councillor Christian moved and Councillor Ellis seconded that the Motion be withdrawn.

In response to a request for reassurance from Councillor Alcroft, Councillor Christian stated that it was unclear from the above amendment what further work was being requested. Accordingly, it was difficult to commit to resubmission of the matter to Council in January 2021, but that steps would be taken to progress the matter as quickly as possible.

Councillor Glover noted that it was already some eighteen months since the declaration of a Climate Emergency. He further commented on the process undertaken prior to submission of the report to Council this evening and the need for clarity in terms of its resubmission should the Motion be withdrawn.

Councillor Ellis raised a point of order in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.12, indicating that Procedure Rule 14.8 (Withdrawal of Motion) quite clearly stated that the meeting's consent would be signified without discussion.

The Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services advised that a roll call vote should be taken.

The Mayor thanked the Corporate Director for his advice and requested that the Town Clerk and Chief Executive take the vote.

Following voting, and in accordance with Procedure Rule 14.8, the Motion was WITHDRAWN.

C.123/20 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

During consideration of the above item of business, the Mayor moved that Council Procedure Rule 9, in relation to the duration of meetings, be suspended in order that the meeting could continue beyond 3 hours to enable the remaining items of business to be transacted, and it was:

AGREED that the meeting should continue beyond three hours in duration to enable the remaining items of business to be transacted

C.124/20 COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Speaking at the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Glover reported on changes to the Labour Group membership on the Development Control Committee as follows:

Councillor Alcroft to replace Councillor Brown as a full Member; and
The nomination of a Member to replace Councillor Alcroft as a substitute Member remained vacant.

RESOLVED – That the position, as detailed above, be noted and agreed.

C.125/20 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 on the Operation of Call-in and Urgency Procedures as set out in Report GD.53/20.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

C.126/20 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.127/20 NOTICE OF MOTION

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 Ellis:

“This Council supports a move of its target date for carbon net zero from 2030 to 2037 in line with the zero carbon recommendations of the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership”

In the light of the decision taken regarding the Local Environment (Climate Change) Strategy earlier in the meeting (Minute C.122/20(ii)), Councillor Ellis indicated that he would withdraw his Motion from discussion.

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Ellis, as set out above be, WITHDRAWN.

[The meeting ended at 9.48 pm]