

CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020 AT 6.45 PM

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

ALSO

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

C.01/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Dr Davison, Paton and Tarbitt.

C.02/20 MINUTES

The Mayor moved the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 5 November 2019.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 5 November 2019 be received and signed as a true record of the meeting.

C.03/20 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

C.04/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Bomford and Dr Tickner declared a registrable interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Items 17(iii) and 21 – Tullie House Business Plan 2019 – 2025. The interest related to the fact that they served on the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust Board.

The following Members declared interests in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Item 16(c) – Notice of Motion – School Funding Crisis for the reasons stated:

- Councillor Mrs Atkinson – is a primary school teacher
- Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams – is a secondary school teacher
- Councillor Robson – is a primary school teacher
- Councillor Dr Tickner – is a university lecturer

Councillor Betton declared an interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in Item 16(b) – Notice of Motion - Street Lighting. The interest related to the fact that he is also a Member of Cumbria County Council.

C.05/20 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) The Mayor

The Mayor announced that she had enjoyed 19 mince pies during the festive season. £75 had been donated to The Mayor of Carlisle's Charity Fund and she was most appreciative of the support of all those who had participated.

The Mayor further wished everyone present a very happy and healthy New Year, also thanking them for their support over the previous few months.

(ii) The Leader of the Council

The Leader made the following announcements -

(a) Committee Places:

Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Shepherd to replace Councillor Mrs McKerrell as City Council representative

Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Bowman to replace Councillor Robson as a full Member; and
Councillor Robson to replace Councillor Mrs Bowman as a substitute Member

Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs McKerrell to replace Councillor Mrs Bowman as a full Member; and
Councillor Mrs Bowman to replace Councillor Mrs McKerrell as a substitute Member

(b) Mr Peter Oliver

Mr Peter Oliver, Senior IT Officer, would be leaving the authority on 13 January 2020. Mr Oliver had been a friend and supporter to many and the Leader paid tribute in recognition of his considerable service and dedication over many years; and wished him well for the future.

(c) Former Central Plaza

Significant progress had been made since the last meeting of the City Council. The building had now been demolished and footpaths across Victoria Viaduct reopened for pedestrian access. The roads remained closed to vehicles as work continued on the site clearance, but it was hoped those would reopen as soon as possible. Most of the business in the vicinity had reopened which would be a great relief to all.

The work had been undertaken as quickly and safely as possible, in addition to which the site continued to be secure; 24-hour security was in place with CCTV monitoring to prevent unauthorised access.

The Leader was in discussion with John Stevenson MP with a view to seeking Government support to assist with the significant cost of the building's demolition. A meeting with the Secretary to the Treasury was scheduled for the following day and he hoped to receive a response in early course. The Council had sought to protect its position by registering a legal charge against the property; and would continue to do so as regards further expenditure.

(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.06/20 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.07/20 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.08/20 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported that no questions had been submitted on notice by members of the City Council.

C.09/20 EXECUTIVE

Councillor Mallinson (J) moved and Councillor Ellis seconded that the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 18 November and 9 December 2019 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 18 November and 9 December 2019 be received and adopted.

C.10/20 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. At the last meeting of the City Council the Portfolio Holder had received a very gracious invitation from Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams to the Harraby Pantomime. Having accepted the invitation, the Portfolio Holder had a thoroughly good evening and expressed congratulations to all involved.

Whist moving her report, the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder drew Members' attention to the outcome of the partnership bid under the Armed Forces Covenant which constituted a good news story. She was delighted; the bid was designed to combat youth alcohol and drug use, and to assist progression into education and employment in the Brampton area.

Further to previous requests from Members, the Portfolio Holder reported that she was in receipt of a breakdown / narrative of statistics on crime in the Carlisle area and would be happy to furnish Members with an electronic copy thereof.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved his report. He expressed thanks to the Friends of Rickerby Park who were celebrating their 10th anniversary; staff within the Environmental Protection Team for their work; and Bereavement Services staff for their magnificent response over the Christmas period.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder moved his report and provided updates on the undernoted matters:

- Towns Fund – over the past week the Council had received £173,000 from MHCLG to develop a Town Deal and the business case which would underpin it. With that funding the Council would have the opportunity to bid for funding of up to £25m which constituted excellent news. The Executive would consider a report on the matter at their meeting on 15 January 2020.
- The Executive Budget Proposals 2020/21 included a City Centre Business Support Package of £40,000.
- The excellent work undertaken by Homelessness Services over the Christmas period and beyond to address the issue of rough sleeping in the City.
- Additional winter shelter units had been provided in Hostels which was positive

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved his report and expressed thanks to the Electoral Services Officer and her team for their work in relation to the General Election.

The Leader then moved his report.

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

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

(2) That the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder arrange to:

- (a) Provide Councillor Birks with a written response clarifying the direction of travel as regards the number of visits to the Discover Carlisle website (i.e. had that increased from 96,243 users as recorded in his report and, if so, by how much).
- (b) Review arrangements for the Christmas Market in response to the concerns which had been brought to Councillor Glover's attention that this year's Christmas Market had not been as successful as in previous years.

(3) That the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder action the undertaking given at the meeting that she would raise (with the local Police Superintendent / Strategic Partnership) the concerns expressed by Councillor Morton regarding the prioritisation of crimes by the Police across the county.

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

- (a) furnish Councillor Southward with details of the date for installation of the seat / plaque in St James Park in memory of the late Councillor McDevitt.
- (b) Investigate the policy / consultation undertaken regarding the provision of a second refuse bin to residents and respond to Councillor Mrs Glendinning.
- (c) Provide Councillor Bomford with details of any feedback received in relation to the work undertaken to encourage recycling.

(5) That the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder arrange to provide Councillor Dr Tickner with an electronic copy of the report to feed back to the Home Office on the outcomes of the work undertaken under the Rogue Landlord funding bid.

C.11/20 SCRUTINY MINUTES AND SCRUTINY CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

(a) Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Finlayson moved and Councillor McNulty seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel held on 21 November 2019 be received and adopted.

Councillor Mrs Finlayson presented the Chair's Report in his absence and responded to questions.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 21 November 2019 together with the Chair's Report be received and adopted.

(2) That the Vice-Chairman arrange to respond in writing to Councillor Mrs Atkinson's request for clarification as to whether the Sexual Assault Referral Service was an existing service as opposed to a new service, as recorded in the Chair's report.

(3) That the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder provide Councillor Dr Tickner with written clarification on footfall at the Old Fire Station.

(b) Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Bainbridge moved and Councillor Robson seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel held on 3 December 2019 be received and adopted.

Councillor Bainbridge also presented his Chair's Report and responded to a Member's question.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 3 December 2019 together with the Chair's Report be received and adopted.

(c) Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Brown moved and Councillor Rodgers seconded the Minutes of the meetings of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel held on 17 October and 28 November 2019.

Councillor Brown then presented her Chair's report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel meetings held on 17 October and 28 November 2019 together with the Chair's Report be received and adopted.

C.12/20 REGULATORY PANEL

Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams moved and Councillor Morton seconded that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Regulatory Panel held on 16 October and 4 December 2019 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Regulatory Panel meetings held on 16 October and 4 December 2019 be received and adopted.

C.13/20 LICENSING COMMITTEE

Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams moved and Councillor Morton seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16 October 2019 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 16 October 2019 be received and adopted.

C.14/20 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Councillor Tinnion moved and Councillor Birks seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 9 and 11 October; and 20 and 22 November 2019.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 9 and 11 October; and 20 and 22 November 2019 be received and adopted.

C.15/20 EMPLOYMENT PANEL

Councillor Ellis moved and Councillor Mitchelson seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Employment Panel meeting held on 28 October 2019.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Panel held on 28 October 2019 be received and adopted.

C.16/20 NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Fireworks

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 Morton:

“That this Council resolves:

1. To require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.

2. To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risk.
3. To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock a “quieter variety” of fireworks for public display.”

Councillor Morton moved and Councillor Robson seconded the motion.

Councillor Morton then elaborated upon the reasons for submission of the motion, indicating that he could see no reason as to why it would not receive the backing of the Council.

Councillor Robinson gave notice of an amendment, copies of which were tabled:

That a new paragraph “To write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.” be inserted immediately prior to the words “To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock a “quieter variety” of fireworks for public display.”

The motion as amended to read:

“That this Council resolves:

To require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.

To actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risk.

To write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.

To encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock a “quieter variety” of fireworks for public display.”

The meeting adjourned at 8.10 pm and reconvened at 8.15 pm

Councillor Robinson moved the amendment, which was duly seconded by Councillor Brown.

The amendment of Councillor Robinson was accepted by the Mover of the Motion and the Motion as amended became the substantive motion.

Discussion ensued on the substantive motion, during which certain Members outlined their support, and it was:

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Morton, as amended by Councillor Robinson, and set out above be AGREED.

(b) Street Lighting

Councillor Betton, having declared an interest, took part in the debate on this item of business.

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 Morton:

"That this council resolves to engage in discussions with Cumbria County Council in an endeavour to encourage them to improve the quality of street lighting throughout the city so as to improve safety for both road users and pedestrians alike".

Councillor Morton moved and Councillor Mrs Finlayson seconded the motion.

Councillor Morton then elaborated upon the reasons for submission of the motion, requesting that Members lend their support for the benefit of all road users.

Discussion arose, during which a number of Members outlined their experiences / expressed support for the Motion.

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Morton, as set out above, be AGREED.

(c) School Funding Crisis

Councillors Mrs Atkinson, Ms Ellis-Williams, Robson and Dr Tickner, having declared an interest, took part in the debate on this item of business.

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 Mrs Atkinson:

"Carlisle City Council notes that as a result of ongoing Government cuts, schools in our city:

- Will have lost £1.3 million in funding in real terms since 2015.
- Will have lost £395 of funding per pupil.
- Have seen classroom sizes increase while staff numbers are reduced.
- Continue to see inadequate High Needs Block Funding, leaving our most vulnerable pupils without the support they need.

Carlisle City Council calls on our MPs:

- To condemn the Government's ongoing cuts to school budgets and call for more funding to be immediately invested in education.
- To support the coalition of parents, educationalists and trade unions campaigning against school cuts.

Carlisle City Council also urges its members to actively support any poverty proofing projects being conducted in schools in the wards they represent."

Councillor Mrs Atkinson moved and Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams seconded the Motion.

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

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

“Under the Amendments to Motions Rule 14.6 (iii) of the Constitution’s Rules of Debate leave out the words that follow the first instance of “Carlisle City Council” and add the following words:

“wishes to express its support to those working in education in our city, despite the financial pressures they are under, there's been enormous improvements in education across England and here in Carlisle.

- While school funding has not reduced, costs that schools have to manage have increased substantially. We wish to thank headteachers and school management teams across the city in their efforts to mitigate against this squeeze.
- Since 2010 921,000 extra school places have been created across England.
- In reading, science and maths the UK has shot up the international Pisa league tables in the last three years.

Carlisle City Council congratulates its MPs on their election and calls on them:

- To support parents and teachers in campaigning for more funds for schools and colleges in the district.
- To recognise that school funding has been squeezed but support the continuing increases in funding into Cumbria from the fair funding formula. For 2019/20 that figure was an inflation busting 4%
- To lobby government to factor in the costs to schools from the rapid increase in National Living Wage, and increased employer teacher pension fund contributions when calculating further funding settlements.“

The motion as amended to read:

“Carlisle City Council wishes to express its support to those working in education in our city, despite the financial pressures they are under, there's been enormous improvements in education across England and here in Carlisle.

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- To lobby government to factor in the costs to schools from the rapid increase in National Living Wage, and increased employer teacher pension fund contributions when calculating further funding settlements.”

The meeting adjourned at 8.45 pm and reconvened at 8.53 pm

Councillor Ellis moved the amendment, which was duly seconded by Councillor Mallinson (J).

Councillor Glover made reference to Rule 14.6(iv) which stipulated that the effects of an amendment must not be to negate the motion. He considered that Councillor Ellis' amendment negated the Motion of Councillor Mrs Atkinson and sought guidance on whether it should be permitted.

The Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services considered that, on balance, the proposed amendment did not negate the Motion as both versions contained similar content as regards pressures on funding and support for measures relating to future funding.

Having taken advice, and in accordance with the above-mentioned Procedure Rule, The Mayor decided that Councillor Ellis' proposed amendment did not negate the original motion; and that it should therefore be allowed.

Councillor Ellis proceeded to outline, in some detail, the reasons for submission of the amendment and, in so doing, called for the entire Council to lend their support.

Substantial debate ensued, during which various Members expressed support for / opposition to the amendment.

Following voting thereon there were an equal number of votes cast for and against the amendment. The Chairman, in accordance with Procedure Rule 17.2, used her casting vote in favour of the amendment, which became the substantive Motion.

Councillor Southward declared an interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. The interest related to the fact that he works for a small private company which would benefit should the substantive Motion be carried.

Substantial discussion took place on the substantive Motion, with input from a number of Members of the City Council.

Following further voting, the substantive Motion, as set out above was CARRIED.

C.17/20 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

During consideration of the above item of business, the Chairman noted that the meeting would soon have been in progress for 3 hours.

It was moved that Council Procedure Rule 9, in relation to the duration of meetings be suspended in order that the meeting could continue to enable the remaining items of business to be transacted, following which it was:

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

C.18/20 PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

(i) Revenue Budget Overview and Monitoring Report: April to September 2019 – Virement Approval

Pursuant to Minute EX.111/19, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that Council approve a non-recurring virement of £734,100 from Business Rates Retention as a contribution towards Transformation Savings for 2019/20 as detailed in Report RD.45/19. A copy of Report RD.45/19 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Ellis presented and moved the report; Councillor Mallinson (J) seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED – That Council approved a non-recurring virement of £734,100 from Business Rates Retention as a contribution towards Transformation Savings for 2019/20.

(ii) Dates and Times of Meetings 2020/21

Pursuant to Minute EX.113/19, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive concerning the Schedule of dates and times of meetings for 2020/21. A copy of report GD.69/19 and the Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Mallinson (J) moved and Councillor Ellis seconded the recommendations set out.

RESOLVED – (1) That the schedule of dates and times of meetings in the 2020/21 municipal year, as set out in the calendar attached as an Appendix to Report GD.66/19, be approved.

(2) That the dates and times of meetings of the Executive as chosen by the Leader be noted.

(iii) Tullie House Business Plan 2019 - 2025

Councillors Bomford and Dr Tickner, having declared a registrable interest, took no part in this item of business.

Pursuant to Minute EX.92/19 and EX.128/19, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive concerning the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust Business Plan 2019 – 2025. A copy of report CS.01/20 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Higgs moved and Councillor Mrs Mallinson seconded the report and recommendations set out therein.

Councillor Mallinson (J) also responded to a Member's question.

RESOLVED – That the City Council:

1. Had considered the comments of both the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel (as detailed in the Minute Excerpt of their meeting on 21 November 2019) and the comments and recommendations of the Executive (as detailed in the Minute Excerpt of their meeting on 16 December 2019).

2. Confirmed the agreed levels of core funding for 2020/21 and the indicative levels for 2022/23 and 2023/24.

C.19/20 CENTRAL PLAZA UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Economic Development (ED.03/20) setting out the sequence of events leading to the programme of emergency works undertaken to demolish the former Central Plaza Hotel. The report also provided a detailed breakdown of the demolition works and their associated costs.

Councillor Mallinson (J) presented the report and moved the recommendations set out therein, which were duly seconded by Councillor Ellis.

Councillors Mallinson (J) and Ellis also responded to Members' comments and questions, including whether the quote for the demolition of the Central Plaza building was monitored continually to ensure that it represented value for money; the cost of the works to local taxpayers; the potential for securing Government support via the local MP; the registration of charges against the property; the manner by which the removal of rubble from the site was being addressed and how associated costs would be recouped.

Councillor Glover paid tribute to officers of the Council and all involved for their tireless work. He asked that the Chief Executive and the Corporate Director of Economic Development convey thanks to the members of staff involved for their superb efforts.

Councillor Mallinson (J) added his congratulations, indicating that he could not praise the staff highly enough.

RESOLVED – That the City Council:

1. Noted the contents of Report ED.03/20, in particular the schedule of demolition works and the breakdown of costs; and
2. Noted that the 2019/20 Capital Programme would be increased by up to £1.35 million to fund the emergency works as detailed within the report.

C.20/20 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES CALL-IN AND URGENCY

Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(i), consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services (GD.03/20) on procedures in respect of occasions where decisions taken by the Executive were urgent.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

C.21/20 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.22/20 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 the paragraph number (as indicated in brackets against the minute) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

C.23/20 PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

Tullie House Business Plan 2019 - 2025

Councillors Bomford and Dr Tickner, having declared a registrable interest, took no part in this item of business.

Pursuant to Minute EX.94/19 and EX.130/19, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive concerning the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust Business Plan 2019 – 2025. A copy of private report CS.02/20 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Higgs moved and Councillor Mrs Mallinson seconded the report and recommendations set out therein.

In addition, Councillor Higgs responded to concerns / questions posed by Members.

RESOLVED – That the City Council:

1. Had considered the comments of both the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel (as detailed in the Minute Excerpt of their meeting of 21 November 2019), and the comments and recommendations of the Executive (as detailed in the Minute Excerpt of their meeting on 16 December 2019).
2. Confirmed the agreed levels of core funding for 2020/21 and the indicative levels for 2022/23 and 2023/24.

[The meeting ended at 10.29 pm]