

## CITY COUNCIL

**TUESDAY 14 JULY 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, Robinson, Robson, Rodgerson, Shepherd, Miss Sherriff, Southward, Tarbitt, Dr Tickner and Tinnion

**ALSO**

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

### **C.64/20 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Miss Whalen.

### **C.65/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct the following declarations of interest were submitted:

#### Item 6 – Questions by Members of the Public

Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams declared an interest due to the fact that her son had submitted the question on notice. She had not prompted nor had she any input whatsoever.

Councillor Ellis declared an interest regarding the submission of the question by his step-son. For the avoidance of doubt, Councillor Ellis stated that he had not written the question.

#### Item 10(i) – Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder Report

Councillor Glover declared a registrable interest. The interest related to the fact that he is a Trustee of Cumbria's Museum of Military Life.

#### Item 10(iv) – Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder Report:

Councillor Ellis declared a disclosable pecuniary interest relative to the local authority discretionary business grant.

Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams declared a disclosable pecuniary interest relative to the local authority discretionary business grant.

Councillor Tinnion declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as he was in receipt of a local authority discretionary business grant.

Councillor Mrs Finlayson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as she was in receipt of a local authority discretionary business grant.

Councillor Paton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest. The interest related to the fact that he had received a local authority discretionary business grant for the support shop for a Children's Charity.

Councillor Morton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest. He is a member of a club that received a local authority discretionary business grant and would leave the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillor Mrs McKerrell declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as she was in receipt of a local authority discretionary business grant.

Councillor Mitchelson indicated that, although he had not received a local authority discretionary business grant, he would still declare an interest.

Councillor Allison declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as he was in receipt of a local authority discretionary business grant for a holiday cottage.

Councillor Betton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to the local authority discretionary business grant.

#### Item 15(i) – Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2020/21

Councillor Allison declared a disclosable pecuniary interest due to a close family connection with two baguette shops who supplied local companies and public bodies. He would therefore leave the meeting during consideration of that item of business.

Councillor Mitchelson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest due to his business interests. He would leave the meeting at that point.

#### **C.66/20 MINUTES**

The Mayor moved the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the City Council held on 3 March and 5 May 2020.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the City Council held on 3 March and 5 May 2020 be received as a true record of the meetings. The Mayor would sign the Minutes at the first practicable opportunity.

#### **C.67/20 PUBLIC AND PRESS**

In light of the fact that a number of Members had declared disclosable pecuniary interests, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services advised that the order of the agenda be varied so that item 15(i) – Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2020/21 was taken as the penultimate item; and item 10(iv) – Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder's report as the last item of business. That would enable the Members in question to leave the meeting without having to reconnect.

The Mayor welcomed the Corporate Director's advice which would facilitate the smooth running of the meeting, and so moved.

RESOLVED – That the Agenda, as varied, be agreed.

## **C.68/20      ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **(i)      The Mayor**

It was with great sadness that the Mayor announced the death on 7 June 2020 of Mr Lawrence Fisher.

The Mayor reported that Mr Fisher was a former member of the City Council; Consort to his wife, Sandra, in 2005/06; and a County Councillor for the Brampton area until his passing. Lawrence was a family man and was well supported by his three children and grandchildren following the loss of his wife. The couple fully embraced the social life in Carlisle and the Mayor had very happy memories of the many parties they had attended together. She had also met Lawrence at his home not so long ago.

Mr Fisher was very well respected by his electors and the many Parish Councils within his electoral division and would be sadly missed by all.

The Mayor extended an invitation to any Members of the Council who also wished to pay tribute.

The Leader indicated that the Mayor had encompassed Mr Fisher's contribution to Carlisle life most adequately. He had nothing further to add other than he had lost a valued colleague and a very dear friend.

### **(ii)      The Leader of the Council**

(a) The Leader considered that it would be remiss of him if he did not pay tribute to all those who had put in valiant efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. All would be aware of the enormous efforts of organisations such as the NHS, carers and members of the public and would have witnessed community spirit at its very best.

He recognised that there were also many amongst us tonight who had contributed to that effort and made very difficult circumstances as comfortable and as safe as possible for those more vulnerable in society.

The Leader felt sure that he could convey the thoughts and wishes of the entire Council in paying that tribute to all the key workers who did so much and were still so doing.

(b) On Thursday of last week the Leader, along with Leaders and Chief Executives of all Cumbrian local authorities, attended a meeting with Simon Clarke MP, Minister of State for Regional Growth and Local Government.

The Leader explained that it was clear to him that the Government wished to press on at pace with devolution and a local government reorganisation in Cumbria. That would mean a pattern of unitary, rather than two-tier, local government in the County and an elected Mayor with a combined authority.

The parties in attendance were told that if any local authority in Cumbria wrote to the Minister asking for Cumbria to be formally invited to submit re-organisation proposals, then they would receive a positive response. It was his expectation that the Minister would receive at least one such request. The Leader added that he had since been informed that such a letter had gone in from at least one authority and they would be invited to make submissions.

The Council therefore had to turn their minds to what would best serve the people of Carlisle moving forward. Many would feel that local government reorganisation was long overdue, and would see this as an opportunity to secure effective and convenient local government for the citizens and businesses they served.

The Leader emphasised that Members should not be fearful of reorganisation. However, Members had a responsibility to those who elected them and to this City to do all they could to secure local government that would build upon the success for which they had worked so hard over many years.

The Council must soon come to a view on the issue and energetically represent the interests of its area. It could then confidently embark upon sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to realise the potential of this place which was rightly described as the beating heart of the Borderlands.

The Leader looked forward to working with Members of the Council; communities and local stakeholders to determine and promote the best possible future for Carlisle.

(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.

The Mayor welcomed Councillor Betton who had now joined the meeting.

## **C.69/20 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

*Councillors Ellis and Ms Ellis-Williams, having declared an interest, took no part in this item of business.*

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

Speaking at the invitation of the Mayor, the member of the public asked the following question:

### **Climate Emergency**

“On 5th March 2019, Carlisle City Council passed a motion declaring a climate emergency. This was followed on 1st May 2019, when a national declaration of an environment and climate emergency was passed by UK parliament. I would like to know what steps the council has taken, or is planning to take, to reduce the carbon emissions of Carlisle, which will help to “make the Council’s activities net-zero carbon by 2030”.

My question’s inspiration comes from personally witnessing the excessive use of light coming from most high-street stores in Carlisle city centre, with only a small minority opting to switch off their lights overnight. Whilst I understand that the council will have little or no control over the decisions made by retail outlets, I have felt repeatedly disappointed by the large LED screens in the windows of Carlisle Town Hall that circulate images into the early hours of the morning. This

appeared to me to be a gross, public misuse of energy and somewhat contradictory to the council's commitment to "urgent action" in addressing its self-declared climate emergency.

With this all in mind, how does the council continue to "ensure that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030"?

The Mayor thanked the gentleman for his question and invited the Portfolio Holder to respond.

Councillor Christian explained that he was the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport and it was his pleasure to answer the question. He added that Officers of the Council had undertaken an amazing amount of activity given that they were also dealing with COVID-19.

The Portfolio Holder further advised that the City Council published a draft Local Environment (Climate Change) Strategy in February this year, intending to produce a user-friendly document for general public consultation. Unfortunately, in depth public consultation had not been possible in recent months, but the all-party Members' Working Group on Climate Change had been reformed and would meet at the end of this month to steer the project forward. The City Council was working alongside the county-wide Climate Change Working Group being led by the County Council.

In short, the Council's Strategy addressed five objectives, namely:

1. Reducing emissions from the city council estate and operations,
2. Reducing emissions and energy consumption from homes and businesses,
3. Reducing emissions from transport,
4. Reducing consumption of resources and waste, and
5. Taking measures to adapt to the impact of climate change.

That Strategy was scheduled to be considered by the Executive in October; would be reviewed by Scrutiny Panel Members and then presented to a Council meeting for adoption as Council policy. As Council policy Members would, of course, ensure that it was taken into account in all the decision making undertaken.

The Portfolio Holder then summarised some of the other work in which the authority was engaged:

- Adoption of a new Procurement and Commissioning Strategy which required tenderers for contracts to provide details of their Climate Change policies and actions as part of the evaluation process;
- Work with the County Council on the Cumbria Cycling and Walking Strategy which had identified 51 potential schemes in and around Carlisle; from straightforward links in existing cycleways to major road improvements;
- Work with the County Council and the Emergency Action Travel Fund to trial a bus and cycle-only gateway on English Street. Through APSE (the Association of Public Service Excellence) the Council had promoted training in 'Carbon Literacy for the Frontline' to all elected Members;
- Climate Change was at the forefront in the St Cuthbert's Garden Village project and a draft Climate Change Strategy for that project had been circulated to the Garden Village cross-party Members Working Group;
- The Borderland Gateway Project for the Citadel Station was progressing and promised to deliver a train/public transport/cycling and walking hub which would help to give people real choice in how they travelled to and around our City.

The gentleman mentioned the illuminated banner on the Civic Centre. That was utilised in the mix of other communications to promote the City and Public Information Messages. For the last few months those messages had been part of the vital, life-saving work relating to Covid-19 and promoting the NHS. He thought the point was well made but communicating with people was very important to the Council and use of the banner would continue. For LEDs the power consumption was quite low.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 10.8, the Mayor invited the questioner to pose a supplementary question should he so wish.

The gentleman understood that the energy consumption of LEDs was actually not particularly high. However, as pointed out in his original question, he would like the Councillor to try and commit to saying that there really was not much need to have any information, whether it be promoting the City itself, or perhaps thanking NHS staff or trying to spread positive messages, at 4 am in Carlisle City Centre.

The Portfolio Holder considered that to be a point well made. He gathered that the banner was illuminated all night which appeared to be somewhat excessive. He would certainly find out what could be done in terms of switching it off.

The Mayor concluded by thanking the questioner and Portfolio Holder for their input.

## **C.70/20      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.71/20      QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

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 Dr Davison:

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

“At the health and wellbeing scrutiny meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June, members discussed how to maintain the increase in walking and cycling that has been a feature of the lockdown.

Following the discussion, Councillor Ellis stated that things have been different during the pandemic, and that the council’s aim was to get the economy back to normal as soon as possible with people back to work, “car parks filled up” and the city centre full of shoppers.

In response it was suggested that this needs to be a time for change if we are to have any chance of tackling our climate and environmental crisis in the timescale demanded by it, with a key importance of us not going back to our previous “business as normal” and current economic model which has been damaging to our health and the environment that sustains us. Also mentioned was that there are other economic models, such as the doughnut economics model, which is much more sustainable and works within the framework of our existing planetary resources. In response, Cllr Ellis said that he wanted to make it very clear that “We (this council) have no intention of changing the economic model.”

How, then, will Carlisle City Council tackle the climate and ecological emergency if there is an unwillingness to consider exploring different economic models from that of unlimited growth and carbon emissions which are a root cause of the climate and ecological crisis in the first place?"

The Mayor invited the Deputy Leader to respond.

The Deputy Leader replied that the preamble to the question was based on a series of assumptions and the question had arisen from those assumptions. The assumption was that the current economic model was flawed and thus to blame for all the climate and ecological problems to which the questioner referred.

The Deputy Leader acknowledged that the questioner was correct in that the economic model used across the west and much of the advanced world was flawed, but only in the sense that all economic models were flawed. He emphasised that the current economic model was a flexible model that evolved by bringing sustained prosperity.

There may have been merit if the question asked whether the existing model could be managed to include the cost of carbon usage, creating markets so that the true cost of carbon was accounted for and to incentivise reductions; the issue could be tackled via better regulation and reducing taxes in some ways or increasing in others; or by use of the proceeds of economic activity to better direct resources towards better cycleways or walkways; better energy use and to help improve our quality of life, but what Councillor Davison advocated was replacement of the economic model.

The Deputy Leader considered it convenient that Councillor Davison suggested the doughnut model to which she had aligned herself. That model was at its core based on zero economic growth which was problematic.

Adoption of such a model would, at the very least, require the Council to amend the name of its Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel. A zero growth economy may work if one had no mortgage to pay, no children to support or feed, or future to think about. The majority of people were worried about their jobs, their children and grand-children's futures and how to pay the bills. For them a zero growth economy was not a plausible option. Zero growth meant no new jobs, no new businesses, no new pay rises. Importantly, for those who were trying to provide services locally and nationally it meant no new tax revenues. The Deputy Leader implored those who worked in the public sector think about that for a moment.

National Government planning was based on economic growth. All within the City Council agreed that growth was the key to Carlisle's prosperity, examples being the Borderlands Growth Deal; infrastructure spend and inward investment.

The Council's Local Plan was based on growth and the Executive was confident that it would not substitute the current economic model which had evolved to meet the challenges in the economy, challenges in the environment and challenges in our health and wellbeing.

The Deputy Leader emphasised that under the current economic model water quality had improved; particulate pollution had dropped by 90% over the last thirty years; and the UK's carbon dioxide emissions peaked in the year 1973 and had declined by approximately 38% since 1990; faster than any other major developed country.

The Deputy Leader further stressed that it was prosperity and competition that bred innovation and it was prosperity and competition which was required to meet future challenges. He added that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said that the only hope of hitting net zero by 2050 was through innovation and growing existing technologies and creating new technologies. That could not be done in a zero growth economy.

The City Centre was the life of Carlisle's economy and, in a city that covered 440 square miles, for many car journeys were the only practical means of getting into town to do their shopping. The Council must and needed to fill up its car parks to get this City moving again.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 11.6, Councillor Davison questioned what three concrete steps the Deputy Leader now advised that the Council take which would meaningfully protect the lives, health and wellbeing of current and future Carlisle and District residents from the impact of climate and environmental breakdown.

The Deputy Leader commented upon the need to move away from fossil fuels and away from society's carbon addiction. His response was therefore nuclear power, nuclear power, nuclear power.

#### **C.72/20 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE**

Councillor Mallinson (J) moved and Councillor Ellis seconded that the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 9 March, 30 April, 27 May and 22 June 2020 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 9 March, 30 April, 27 May and 22 June 2020 be received and adopted.

#### **C.73/20 EXECUTIVE - PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS**

*Councillor Glover, having declared a registrable interest in respect of the Culture, Heritage and Leisure Portfolio Holder's report, posed questions on the detail thereof.*

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. All would be aware of the very difficult circumstances faced over the past four months and the Portfolio Holder had been extremely impressed by the proactive and positive attitude of the officers he dealt with. It had been a pleasure and privilege to work with them and he thanked them all.

The Portfolio Holder updated Members on the undernoted:

- The Farmers' Market had taken place on 4 July 2020. Although quite small, the stalls were of good quality and the event well attended.
- Old Fire Station - he wished to pay tribute to the officers for their work in keeping the tender process on track over the last difficult months.

- Tullie House was partially open and would open further this week.
- GLL were making huge efforts to get indoor activities up and running at the former Newman School site. He wished to thank GLL for all of their work.
- The reach of Facebook advertising by the Discover Carlisle and connected Facebook threads was most impressive. Again, every effort had been made to promote hospitality and tourism businesses now that the lockdown was being lifted. He would be happy to share those statistics to anyone who was interested.

Whist moving her report, the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder thanked the City Council's staff for their hard work in changed circumstances, the Customer Services Team being an example thereof. She considered that Carlisle's vulnerable people had been well looked after during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Portfolio Holder summarised the work of the Carlisle Community Resilience Group, of which all should be exceptionally proud, and thanked those members of staff involved. She further outlined details of the emergency food given out Carlisle wide and paid tribute to the residents and local community for their exceptionally hard work, which included shopping and prescription pick-ups for vulnerable people.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved his report. In so doing, he expressed thanks to all members of staff who had worked so brilliantly hard throughout the pandemic. Clearly it was not yet over and the Regulatory Team was very much at the forefront of what was happening now.

The Portfolio Holder was also very grateful to IT Services for their work in relation to video conferencing which had enabled this virtual meeting of the City Council to take place. He was a great advocate of virtual meetings which saved time and reduced reliance upon carbon and fuel.

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved his report. He felt sure that the LED screens in the windows of the Old Town Hall could be turned off in the evenings with a view to saving energy.

The Leader began by alluding in more detail to the comments / questions raised by Councillor Dr Tickner during consideration of the Executive Portfolio Holder reports and concerning the Shadygrove Lease and the Waverley Viaduct.

The Leader then moved his report, informing Council that he was content at the way in which the Borderlands was progressing; and the Council had been able to input significantly into the government investigation into the tourism industry.

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 provide written responses to:

- (a) Councillor Dr Tickner expanding upon the increase in patronage at Stony Holme golf course, the response to include figures both prior to and after the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) Councillor Ellis-Williams elaborating upon the work undertaken by the City Council as part of its participation in the Cumbria Arts and Culture Network; and

Discuss with the organisers of the International Market scheduled for August 2020 whether potential exists for local people to take part and showcase / promote their businesses, as requested by Councillor Brown.

(3) That the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder arrange to provide written responses to:

- (a) Councillor Miss Sherriff detailing the outcome of the Community Neighbours telephone befriending scheme, together with details of the impact should continued sponsorship not be forthcoming at the conclusion of the first year which would end in September 2020.
- (b) Councillor Alcroft clarifying whether there has been an increase in benefits claims across Carlisle during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

- (a) Investigate the position as regards continuation of the free parking offer on all of the Council's car parks for key NHS and care sector staff eligible under the Government scheme and respond in writing to Councillor Southward.
- (b) Highlight the potential for electric charging points for bikes with the Members' / Climate Change Working Group as raised by Councillor Bomford.
- (c) Respond in writing to Councillor Paton clarifying when Warwick Road would reopen.
- (d) Investigate whether the illuminated display at the Old Town Hall could be turned off at night and respond to Councillor Ellis-Williams.

(5) That the Leader arrange to take under consideration Councillor Glover's request that the Executive lobby the Government and local MPs to reverse the cuts to public health budgets and that those be increased to the levels required.

## **C.74/20 MINUTES**

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the meetings as detailed within Minute Book Volumes 46(6) and 47(1):

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>
Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel	20 February and 11 June 2020
Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel	13 February and 28 May 2020
Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel	27 February and 4 June 2020
Development Control Committee	11 and 14 February; 24 April; 22 May; and 5 June 2020
Appeals Panels	17 February and 12 March 2020
Regulatory Panel	27 May 2020
Licensing Committee	27 May 2020

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

## **C.75/20 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.

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.76/20 SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT**

There was submitted Report OS.15/20 enclosing the Annual Report of the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny function for 2019/20. The report summarised the role of Scrutiny at Carlisle City Council, reported on the work of the Scrutiny Panels during 2019/20 and identified plans for 2020/21.

In accordance with agreed procedure, the report had been considered by the Business and Transformation; Health and Wellbeing; and Economic Growth Scrutiny Panels, Minute Extracts in relation to which were appended.

Councillor Bainbridge moved the report and, in so doing, expressed thanks to the other Scrutiny Chairs and Members for their work during the past year. He also paid tribute to the work of the Scrutiny Officer.

It was seconded, and:

RESOLVED – That the Council formally accepted the Annual Report of the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny function for 2019/20.

**C.77/20 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 City Council.

**C.78/20 PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL’S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK**

(ii) Provisional General Fund Revenue Outturn 2019/20 – Carry Forwards

Pursuant to Minute EX.54/20, consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources (RD.13/20) summarising the 2019/20 provisional outturn for the General Fund Revenue budgets and requests for the carry forward of budgets.

An Extract from the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 22 June 2020 had been circulated.

Councillor Ellis moved and Councillor Mallinson (J) seconded the recommendations set out within the report, following which it was AGREED that the City Council:

1. Approve the carry forward requests totalling £811,000 to be incurred in 2020/21 and the release of £811,000 in 2020/21 from the General Fund Reserve as set out in the report and Appendix 1;
2. Approve the creation of new reserves and transfers into and from the new and existing reserves of £1,425,837, in addition to the transfer to the building control reserve of £60,247, as detailed in paragraphs 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 and Appendix 2 of the report; and
3. Approve the creation of new provisions and transfers into the new provisions of £84,600 as detailed in paragraph 3.2 and Appendix 2 of the report.

(iii) Provisional Capital Outturn 2019/20 – Carry Forwards

Pursuant to Minute EX.55/20, consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources (RD.14/20) providing details of the 2019/20 provisional outturn for the Council's Capital Programme, together with details of the revised Capital Programme for 2020/21.

An Extract from the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 22 June 2020 had been circulated.

Councillor Ellis moved and Councillor Mallinson (J) seconded the recommendations set out within the report, following which it was AGREED that the City Council:

1. Approve the carry forward requests totalling £2,568,500 to be met in 2020/21 as set out in the report;
2. Approve the revised programme for 2020/21, together with the proposed methods of financing, as detailed at paragraph 3 which incorporated the updated budgets for the Civic Centre development.

(iv) Treasury Management Outturn 2019/20

Pursuant to Minute EX.56/20, consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Finance and Resources (RD.03/20) providing the annual report on Treasury Management as required under both the Financial Procedure Rules and the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management. Also included was the regular report on Treasury Transactions.

An Extract from the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 22 June 2020 had been circulated.

Councillor Ellis presented and moved the report; drawing Members' attention to page 122 of the document pack which recorded that the £15m stock issue, placed in 1995, was transferred to short term borrowing at the end of March 2020 and had now been fully repaid in May 2020.

Councillor Mallinson (J) seconded, and it was AGREED:

That the City Council approved the Treasury Management Outturn report for 2019/20 as required under both the Financial Procedure Rules and the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management.

## **C.79/20 DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2020/21**

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services (GD.25/20) concerning the dates and times of meetings for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

A schedule had been approved by Council on 7 January 2020, however, due to the coronavirus pandemic and requests for changes to meeting start times, a new schedule had been prepared for approval.

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

RESOLVED – (1) That the dates and times of meetings in the Municipal Year 2020/21 be approved as set out in the Schedule attached to Report GD.25/20.

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

## **C.80/20 COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

The Mayor moved and the Deputy Mayor seconded that the City Council note and approve nominations for changes to the membership of Committees and Panels as set out on the Council Summons, with the exception of the Independent Group changes which were withdrawn.

RESOLVED – That the membership of Committees and Panels be amended as outlined below:

### **(a) Conservative Group:**

#### Development Control Committee

Councillor Meller to replace Councillor Tarbitt as a full Member

Councillor Tarbitt to replace Councillor Meller as a substitute Member

#### Audit Committee

Councillor Meller to replace Councillor Finlayson as a full Member

Councillor Finlayson to replace Councillor Meller as a substitute Member

### **(b) Labour Group:**

#### Regulatory Panel and Licensing Committee

Councillor Patrick to replace Councillor Brown as a full Member

Councillor Birks to replace Councillor Robinson as a substitute Member

#### Development Control Committee

Councillor Whalen to replace Councillor Patrick as a full Member

Councillor Patrick to replace Councillor Whalen as a substitute Member

Councillor Tickner to replace Councillor Glover as a substitute Member

#### Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Ellis-Williams to replace Councillor Atkinson as a full Member

Councillor Atkinson to replace Councillor Ellis-Williams as a substitute Member

Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Tickner to replace Councillor McNulty as a full Member

Councillor McNulty to replace Councillor Tickner as a substitute Member

Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Glendinning to replace Councillor Rodgerson as a full Member

Councillor Rodgerson to replace Councillor Glendinning as a substitute Member

Standards Committee

Councillor Tickner to replace Councillor Brown as a full Member

Councillor Ellis-Williams to replace Councillor Tickner as a substitute Member

Employment Panel

Councillor Glendinning to replace Councillor Robinson as a substitute Member

Audit Committee

Councillor Birks to replace Councillor Robinson as a full Member

Councillor Atkinson to replace Councillor Rodgerson as a substitute Member

Appeals Panel No 1

Councillor Ellis-Williams to replace Councillor Tickner as a full Member

Councillor Southward to replace Councillor Ellis-Williams as a substitute Member

Appeals Panel No 3

Councillor Tickner to replace Councillor Robinson as a full Member

Councillor Sherriff to replace Councillor Tickner as a substitute Member

**C.81/20 OPERATION OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CALL-IN AND URGENCY**

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 15(j) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Access to Information Procedure Rule 17.3, the Corporate Director of Governance and Regulatory Services reported on the Operation of Call-in and Urgency Procedures as set out in Reports GD.29/20 and GD.30/20.

RESOLVED – That the reports be noted.

**C.82/20 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.83/20 PROPOSAL FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK**

(i) Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2020/21

*Councillors Allison and Mitchelson, having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, left the meeting and took no part in this item of business.*

*Councillor Paton also retired from the meeting.*

Pursuant to Minute EX.45/20 and EX.59/20, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive concerning the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2020/21. A copy of Report GD.31/20 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Christian moved, Councillor Mallinson (E) seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED – That the City Council approved the key actions of the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan in accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

## **C.84/20 EXECUTIVE - PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS**

*Councillors Allison, Betton, Ellis, Ms Ellis-Williams, Mrs Finlayson, Mrs McKerrell, Morton, Paton and Tinnion, having declared disclosable pecuniary interests, left the meeting prior to consideration of this item of business.*

*Councillor Mitchelson, having declared an interest, left the meeting prior to consideration of this item of business.*

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder moved his report and expressed sincere thanks to the Homeless, Prevention and Accommodation Service Team who had worked so hard over several months and during the COVID-19 pandemic. An immense amount of work, both seen and unseen, had been done and the team deserved a special thank you tonight.

The Portfolio Holder also highlighted the considerable detail provided within his report as regards the various services provided. He added that he had just learnt that, up to yesterday, the City Council had paid out £1.2m in discretionary business grants (out of the £1.3m) to 340 businesses in Carlisle and district which was an excellent achievement by the Economic Development and Revenues Teams.

The pot of money given to the City Council was less in comparison with neighbouring districts and the Corporate Director of Economic Development was looking into the reasons for the discrepancy.

The Portfolio Holder further reported, for Members' information, that unfortunately The Home Group would be unable to proceed with the Petheril House extra care redevelopment following a national review of their sites.

The Portfolio Holder and the Leader responded in significant detail to questions raised by Members on the content of the report.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report of the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder be received.

(2) That the Portfolio Holder arrange to provide written responses to:

- (a) Councillor Alcroft setting out the updated figures in relation to the % of those in emergency accommodation who were fleeing domestic violence.
- (b) Councillor Glover clarifying whether the City Council could access additional funding to enable the authority to open up a second round of discretionary business grant funding as had been done by Allerdale Borough Council; and also whether any lessons could be learnt from the Allerdale experience.

- (c) Councillor Birks confirming the manner by which the specialist support to undertake a detailed study on the short, medium and longer-term impacts of COVID-19 had been commissioned; the costs of the report and when such report would be available to Members.
- (d) Councillor Atkinson clarifying details of the criteria used in assessing applications for the local authority discretionary business grants

[The meeting ended at 9.36 pm]