

CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 5 JANUARY 2021 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, Patrick, Robson, Shepherd, Miss Sherriff, Southward, Dr Tickner, Tinnion and Miss Whalen.

ALSO

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

C.01/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Paton and Councillor Tarbitt.

C.02/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Item 14.(ii) – Tullie House Business Plan 2021/22

Councillor Bomford and Councillor Dr Tickner declared a registrable interest. The interest related to the fact that they served on the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust Board.

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

Councillor Glover declared a registrable interest. The interest related to the fact that he was a Trustee of the King's Own Border Regiment Museum Trust (Cumbria Museum of Military Life).

Item 15 – Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-26

Councillor Mitchelson declared a pecuniary interest. The interest related to his business interest.

Councillor Shepherd declared a registrable interest. The interest related to the fact that he was the Vice Chair and Bar Chair of Brampton Conservative Club.

C.03/21 MINUTES

The Mayor moved the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the City Council held on 13 October, 3 November and 1 December 2020.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the City Council held on 13 October, 3 November and 1 December 2020 be received and signed as a true record of the meeting.

C.04/21 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

C.05/21 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) The Mayor

The Mayor wished everyone present a very happy and healthy New Year.

(ii) The Leader of the Council

The Leader noted that the Covid-19 infection rate was very serious, and he encouraged everyone to stay safe. He detailed the arrangements that had been put in place to ensure the safety of all staff who continued to work and provide services in such difficult circumstances.

(iii) Members of the Executive

The Economy, Enterprise and Portfolio Holder provided an update on the funding offer of £9.1m from the Future High Street Fund. He thanked the Corporate Director of Economic Development, the Regeneration Manager and all staff involved in developing the projects.

(iv) Town Clerk and Chief Executive

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive expressed thanks to Reverend Teasdale for the support and advice he had provided as the City Council's Chaplain. He wished him well in his retirement.

C.06/21 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.07/21 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.08/21 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.09/21 EXECUTIVE

Councillor Mallinson (J) moved and Councillor Ellis seconded that the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 9 November, 7 December and 14 December 2020 be received and adopted.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 9 November, 7 December and 14 December 2020 be received and adopted.

C.10/21 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.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder moved her report.

When moving his report the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder provided an update on the kiosk facilities at Talkin Tarn which had been closed following the new lockdown restrictions.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder moved his report.

The Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved his report.

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:

- (i) provide Councillor Dr Davison with details of the candidates which would join a new Interim Development Group to develop the Carlisle Culture Strategic Framework;
- (ii) provide a written response to Councillor Dr Davison setting out the commissioning details of the options appraisal and feasibility study into potential interventions and investments that may help to develop Carlisle's Roman Heritage tourism offer, along with the cost of the appraisal and the expectation in terms of cost benefits.

(3) That the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder make arrangements for the Beverly Rise Demonstration Project film to be presented at a future informal council briefing.

(4) That the Deputy Leader, and Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder provide Councillor Dr Tickner with written details of the number of applications received weekly from businesses for the Business Support Grant.

(5) That the Leader provide Councillor Southward with updated figures and a break down of the number of food parcels which had been distributed during the Covid 19 pandemic.

C.11/21 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(4):

Committee	Meeting Date
Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel	8 October and 19 November 2020
Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel	15 October and 1 December 2020
Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel	26 November 2020
Regulatory Panel	18 November 2020
Licensing Committee	18 November 2020
Development Control Committee	7 and 9 October and 6 November 2020
Appeals Panels	21 October and 20 November 2020
Standards Committee	10 December 2020

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

C.12/21 SCRUTINY

(a) Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Finlayson (Vice Chair) moved the 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) Business and Transformation Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Birks moved her Vice Chair's Report.

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

(d) Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Brown moved her Chair's Report.

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

C.13/21 NOTICE OF MOTION

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

C.14/21 PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

(i) Dates and Times of Meetings 2021/22

Pursuant to Minute EX.156/20, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive concerning the schedule of dates and times of meetings for 2021/22. A copy of report GD.05/21 and the Minute Extract had been circulated.

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

Councillor Patrick noted that there had been no consultation undertaken with Members, other than the Scrutiny Chairs Group and the Executive, in the preparation of the calendar. She reminded Council that many Members had work and carers commitments and consultation should be undertaken with Members to enable Council to operate in an effective and strong Council. She requested meaningful consultation with all Members of the Council as to how dates and times of meetings worked best for Members in a Member led authority.

Councillor Tickner commented that many potential candidates were unable to take time off work to attend meetings. He added that the number of Members had been reduced but the number of committees remained the same and he suggested that a Task and Finish Group carry out a best practice exercise with other authorities.

The Leader responded that the dates and times of meetings was a very difficult matter and, although many Members worked, many also had evening commitments. He agreed to consider the arrangements for the preparation of the calendar and discuss it further with the Executive.

RESOLVED – (1) That the schedule of dates and times of meetings in the 2021/22 municipal year, as set out in the calendar attached as an Appendix to Report GD.05/21, be approved.

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

(3) The Leader to consider whether any changes needed to be implemented regarding the arrangements for the timing of future Meetings.

(ii) Tullie House Business Plan 2021/22

Pursuant to Minute EX.121/20 and EX.158/20, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive concerning the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust Business Plan 2021/22. A copy of report CS.04/21 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Higgs thanked the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel, Council Officers and Tullie House Representatives for their suggestions and input in the deliberation of the Plan. Consideration had been given to the budgetary implications to Tullie House, however, the Council had suffered from a severe reduction in income and were not in a position to change the budget as set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

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

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 19 November 2020) and the comments and recommendations of the Executive (as detailed in the Minute Excerpt of their meeting on 14 December 2020).
2. Confirmed the agreed levels of core funding for 2021/22 and the indicative levels for 2022/23 and 2023/24.

C.15/21 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2021-2026

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

Councillor Shepherd, having declared a registrable interest, left the meeting and took no part in this item of business

Pursuant to Minute LC.18/20 and LC.23/20, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Licensing Committee that Council adopt the final draft of the Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026.

Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams moved, and Councillor Morton seconded the recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the reviewed Statement of Licensing Policy 2021-2026, as appended to report GD.03/21, be approved and adopted for publication by 7 January 2021.

C.16/21 COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Councillor J Mallinson moved, and Councillor Ellis seconded the following changes to the membership of Committees and Panels:

Development Control Committee

Councillor Finlayson to replace Councillor Collier as a full Member

Councillor Collier to replace Councillor Finlayson as a substitute Member

Regulatory Panel and Licensing Committee

Councillor Ellis to replace Councillor Collier as a full Member

Councillor Collier to replace Councillor Ellis as a substitute Member

Councillor Glover moved, and Councillor Dr Tickner seconded the following changes to the membership of Committees and Panels:

Regulatory Panel and Licensing Committee

Councillor Alcroft to be added as a substitute Member.

Standards Committee

Councillor Atkinson and Councillor Patrick to be removed as substitute Members.

Councillor Alcroft and Councillor Whalen to be added as substitute Members.

Development Control Committee

There were no nominations for the vacancy on the Development Control Committee.

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

Development Control Committee

Councillor Finlayson to replace Councillor Collier as a full Member

Councillor Collier to replace Councillor Finlayson as a substitute Member

Regulatory Panel and Licensing Committee

Councillor Ellis to replace Councillor Collier as a full Member

Councillor Collier to replace Councillor Ellis as a substitute Member

Councillor Glover moved, and Councillor Dr Tickner seconded the following changes to the membership of Committees and Panels:

Regulatory Panel and Licensing Committee

Councillor Alcroft to be added as a substitute Member.

Standards Committee

Councillor Atkinson and Councillor Patrick to be removed as substitute Members.

Councillor Alcroft and Councillor Whalen to be added as substitute Members.

**C.17/21 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.06/21) on procedures in respect of occasions where decisions taken by the Executive were urgent.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

C.18/21 COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications or items of business brought forward by the Mayor as a matter of urgency to be dealt with at the meeting.

[The meeting ended at 8.56pm]