



Council
Wednesday 22 July 2015 at 6pm

Council Chamber, Council House
Corporation Street, Derby, DE1
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Members: The Mayor, Councillor Paul Pegg, and Councillors Afzal, Ashburner, Banwait, Barker, Bayliss, Bolton, Care, Carr, Dhindsa, Eldret, Froggatt, Graves, Grimadell, Harwood, Hassell, Hezelgrave, Hickson, A Holmes, M Holmes, Hussain, Ingall, Jackson, Jones, Keith, J Khan, S Khan, MacDonald, Martin, Naitta, Nawaz, Poulter, Raju, Rawson, Redfern, Repton, Roulstone, Russell, Sandhu, Shanker, Skelton, Stanton, Tittley, Turner, Webb, West, Whitby, Williams, Winter, Wood and Wright.

Agenda

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| 1. | Apologies | |
| 2. | Declarations of interest | Attached |
| 3. | Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 20 May 2015 | Attached |
| 4. | Announcements from the Mayor | |
| 5. | Statements from members of the Council Cabinet | |
| 6. | Questions from the public to members of the Council Cabinet | None |
| 7. | Questions relating to Derbyshire Fire Authority or Derby Homes | None |
| 8. | Questions from non-Council Cabinet members | |
| 9. | Minutes and recommendations of the Licensing Committee dated 2 July 2015 | Attached |
| 10. | Minutes and recommendations of the Audit and Accounts Committee dated 8 July 2015 | Attached |
| 11. | Minutes and recommendations of the Council Cabinet dated 15 July 2015 | |
| 12. | Disciplinary Procedures for Senior Officers | Attached |
| 13. | Constitutional Appointments | Attached |

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14. Appointment to the post of Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

Attached

15. Notice of Motion: Rail Electrification

Moved by Councillor Banwait, seconded by Councillor Tittley

Council notes with dismay the Government decision to halt the electrification of the Midland Mainline by 2020.

Council notes the comments of the Secretary of State for Transport, who confirmed that the scheme has been 'paused' with no clear timetable for completion. Council is concerned that this lack of certainty undermines the thousands of jobs in the East Midlands that rely on the rail industry and that were preparing to bid for lucrative contracts relating to electrification. Engineering consultancy Arup estimated that electrification would:

- Reap economic benefits totalling £450m, including £195m in the East Midlands alone
- Generate network cost savings of £30m per year
- Reduce journey times by approximately 10 minutes between Derby and London
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There are financial and environmental costs to halting the work. It is estimated that:

- Carbon dioxide emissions are 20-30% higher on diesel trains
- Running costs are 80% more expensive on diesel engines
- Maintenance costs are 50% higher on diesel engines
- Leasing costs are 22% higher on diesel trains
- Network wear and tear is 11% higher where diesel trains are used

Council fully supports the Derby Telegraph and the Derby and Derbyshire Rail Forum's 'Electrify Our Line' campaign. Council views the decision to halt the programme as a snub to the region and evidence that the East Midlands is not considered a priority by the Government. The region risks being left behind its neighbours if it is not given a fair deal from Westminster.

Council calls on the Prime Minister to:

1. Immediately agree to a meeting with the Leader of the Council and leaders of other East Midlands authorities so that the true scale of the delays can be evaluated and its impact discussed
2. Justify why the reasons for halting progress have only come to light in the two months since pledges were made prior to the General Election and, in lieu of that, instruct the Secretary of State and Chairman of Network Rail to explore ways in which the promised work can continue on schedule
3. Re-affirm the Government's commitment to electrification and provide a detailed timescale for completion of the project at the earliest opportunity to enable local firms to safeguard the thousands of East Midlands jobs that could depend upon it.

16. Notice of Motion: Fox Hunting

Moved by Councillor Stanton, seconded by Councillor Whitby

Council is opposed to the repeal or amendment of the Hunting Act 2004 and the legalisation of hunting with dogs including fox hunting, deer hunting, hare hunting and hare coursing.

Council is concerned by recent comments made by the Conservative MP for Derby North, Amanda Solloway, supporting this barbaric and antiquated pastime.

Council believes there is widespread opposition by Derby people to hunting with dogs and therefore urges Ms Solloway to consider the views of her residents should there be a further vote in Parliament on repealing the Hunting Act.

Council recognises that hunting with dogs causes unnecessary suffering and distress to animals and is only undertaken to provide entertainment for a tiny minority of the British population.

Council accepts that there is no evidence that hunting with dogs makes any contribution to effective wildlife management.

Council notes that repealing or weakening the Hunting Act would be inconsistent with Derby City Council's Animal Welfare Charter.

Therefore, Council resolves to instruct the Leader of the Council to:

1. Amend the Council's Animal Welfare Charter to include a clause explicitly opposing hunting with dogs.
2. Arrange a meeting with individuals and organisations such as the RSPCA, PDSA, Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Derby Animal Rights and the League Against Cruel Sports to initiate a local campaign against proposed changes to the Hunting Act.

17. Notice of Motion: Derby West Indian Community

Moved by Councillor Dhindsa, seconded by Councillor Afzal

Council recognises the contribution the African-Caribbean community have made to Derby and the valuable work they have performed in promoting community cohesion. It is testament to their example that Derby is the diverse and welcoming city it is today.

In light of this achievement, Council congratulates the Derby West Indian Community Association (DWICA) on their sixtieth anniversary as well as recognising forty years of the Derby Caribbean Festival.

Amongst numerous successes, DWICA have organised and delivered a range of social and cultural events; introduced educational programmes to support disadvantaged young people; supported the elderly through schemes like the Hadhari Project and established a Community Credit Union.

Council moves that the Cabinet Member for Cohesion and Integration write to representatives of the African-Caribbean community, recognising their achievements and pledging the council's continued support in building stronger ties between residents of all creeds and cultures in Derby.



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