

## **COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting held Via Zoom.

**TUESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2021**

### **Present:-**

Cllr. Iain Hewson (Chairman)  
Cllr. Phil Moitt (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Shabbir Aslam	Cllr. Janet Forey	Cllr. Michael O'Hare
Cllr. Shane Blackwell	Cllr. David Freer	Cllr. Les Phillimore
Cllr. Lee Breckon	Cllr. Deanne Freer	Cllr. Louise Richardson
Cllr. Nick Brown	Cllr. Chris Frost	Cllr. Terry Richardson
Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore	Cllr. Nigel Grundy	Cllr. Tracey Shepherd
Cllr. Nick Chapman	Cllr. Paul Hartshorn	Cllr. Ben Taylor
Cllr. David Clements	Cllr. Mark Jackson	Cllr. Kirsteen Thomson
Cllr. Stuart Coar	Cllr. Trevor Matthews	Cllr. Bev Welsh
Cllr. Sharon Coe	Cllr. Sam Maxwell	Cllr. Geoff Welsh
Cllr. Roy Denney	Cllr. Christine Merrill	Cllr. Jane Wolfe
Cllr. Alex DeWinter	Cllr. Mat Mortel	Cllr. Maggie Wright
Cllr. David Findlay	Cllr. Antony Moseley	

### **Officers present:-**

Jane Toman	- Chief Executive
Sarah Pennelli	- Strategic Director - Section 151 Officer
John Richardson	- Strategic Director
Colin Jones	- Corporate Services Group Manager
Cat Hartley	- Planning & Strategic Growth Group Manager
Neil Briggs	- Customer Access & Electoral Services Manager
Sandeep Tiensa	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Katie Saunders	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
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### **Apologies:-**

Cllr. Adrian Clifford

### **Also in attendance from the Local Government Boundary Commission:-**

Richard Otterway  
Peter Maddison  
Paul Kingsley

**153. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS**

No disclosures were received.

**154. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, as circulated, were approved as a correct record.

**155. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made announcements in respect of the following:

- Thanks were expressed to officers for supporting small businesses.
- The Chairman expressed importance to follow guidance to Stay Home, Save Lives and Protect the NHS.

**156. LEADER'S STATEMENT**

Cllr. Terry Richardson, Leader of the Council, presented his Statement in respect of the following:

- Community Hub
- Befriending Service
- Love Blaby Lottery Helping Community Groups
- Web Accessibility
- Waterways Improvements In the District
- Test and Trace Support Payment
- Supporting Local Businesses
- COVID Winter Support Grant Scheme
- Leisure Centre Update

*Cllr. Alex DeWinter entered the meeting during this item.*

**157. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

Considered - Report of the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

**DECISION**

That the proposed Contract Procedure rules be approved.

Reason:

The Council must ensure that it has an up-to-date and current Constitution that accurately reflects the way that the Council operates.

**158. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION**

The Chief Executive welcomed Richard Otterway, Peter Maddison and Paul Kingsley from the Local Government Boundary Commission to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Local Government Boundary Commission for their presentation and attending the meeting.

*Cllr. Roy Denney entered the meeting during this item.*

**159. PUBLIC SPEAKING PROTOCOL**

No requests were received.

**160. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

No questions were received.

**161. THE BLABY DISTRICT PLAN 2021 - 2024**

Considered - report of the Chief Executive, presented by Cllr. Terry Richardson, Leader of the Council.

**DECISION**

That the Blaby District Plan 2021-2024 be approved.

Reason:

The current Blaby Plan ends in March 2021 and, a new plan is required for the next three year period which sets out the strategic ambitions for the Council over that period.

**162. NEW LOCAL PLAN OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

Considered - report of the Planning & Economic Development Group Manager, presented by Cllr. Ben Taylor, Planning, Housing Strategy, Economic Development Portfolio Holder.

**DECISION**

That the commencement of public consultation on the Blaby District Council New Local Plan options is approved.

Reason:

Local Planning Authorities are required, via legislation, to consult at key stages of preparing a new Local Plan.

**163. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2021 - 2023**

Considered – the report of the Senior Democratic Service’s Officer, presented by Cllr. David Findlay, Chairman of the Member Development Steering Group.

**DECISION**

That the Member Development Strategy 2021-2023 be approved.

Reason:

It is important that the Council has a structured Member Development Strategy that strengthens the knowledge and skills that members need to fulfil their demanding roles; help contribute to the delivery of the Council’s priorities and respond to the changing needs of the District.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.32 P.M.**