

Council – 24 April 2018

Minutes of the meeting of **Council** held on **24 April 2018** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs L A Butcher

Vice-Chairman: Cllr D Merrick

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| Cllr J C Burton | Cllr E O K Mason |
| Cllr C C Cannell | Cllr J R F Mason |
| Cllr N L Cooper | Cllr R Milne |
| Cllr T G Cutmore | Cllr T E Mountain |
| Cllr R R Dray | Cllr J E Newport |
| Cllr A H Eves | Cllr Mrs C E Roe |
| Cllr Mrs J R Gooding | Cllr Mrs L Shaw |
| Cllr J D Griffin | Cllr S P Smith |
| Cllr B T Hazlewood | Cllr D J Sperring |
| Cllr N J Hookway | Cllr C M Stanley |
| Cllr Mrs D Hoy | Cllr M J Steptoe |
| Cllr M Hoy | Cllr I H Ward |
| Cllr Mrs T R Hughes | Cllr M J Webb |
| Cllr G J Ioannou | Cllr Mrs C A Weston |
| Cllr M J Lucas-Gill | Cllr A L Williams |
| Cllr Mrs J R Lumley | Cllr S A Wilson |
| Cllr Mrs C M Mason | |

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D S Efde and R A Oatham.

OFFICERS PRESENT

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| Shaun Scrutton | - Managing Director |
| A Hutchings | - Strategic Director |
| J Bostock | - Assistant Director, Democratic Services |
| A Law | - Assistant Director, Legal Services |
| M Harwood-White | - Assistant Director, Commercial Services |
| N Lucas | - Section 151 Officer |
| L Moss | - Assistant Director, Community and Housing Services |
| M Thomas | - Assistant Director, Planning and Regeneration Services |
| D Tribe | - Assistant Director, Transformation |
| S Worthington | - Democratic Services Officer |

86 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mrs J R Lumley, Mrs L Shaw and I H Ward each declared a non pecuniary interest in item 13 of the agenda relating to Sanctuary Housing Association by virtue of membership of the Sanctuary in Rochford Committee.

88 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed the Council officers seated in the Chamber who were attending to observe the operation of a meeting of Council.

The Chairman advised that she had attended many events since the last meeting, in respect of schools, young people and other parts of the county. She had made some good contacts and had been honoured to represent the District Council.

89 MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Council received the Minutes of Committee meetings held between the period 10 February 2018 to 13 April 2018.

90 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES TO COUNCIL

(1) Annual Report of the Review Committee

Council considered the report of the Review Committee on its Annual Report.

Resolved

That the Annual Report be received.

91 REPORT OF THE LEADER ON THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE

Council received the following report from the Leader on the work of the Executive:-

“This is the fifth Ordinary Council meeting of the 2017/18 Municipal Year and I would like to welcome all Members.

Since the meeting on 20 February, there have been no meetings of the Executive.

Other matters that my colleagues and I on the Executive have dealt with include:-

- Releasing the draft Housing Allocation Policy 2018 and appendices for full consultation.
- Agreeing the recommendations to allocate grant funding to local voluntary and community organisations.
- Responding to Brentwood Borough Council’s Preferred Site Allocations Consultation 2018 and Chelmsford City Council’s Pre-Submission Local Plan consultation.

- Agreeing the revised and combined policies relating to private sector housing services, entitled 'Well Homes Financial Assistance Policy' and the 2018/19 schedule of fees relating to private sector housing services.
- Agreeing the timetable of meetings for the 2018/19 Municipal Year.
- Agreeing to remove permitted development rights on land to the west of 211 to 241 Rectory Avenue, Ashingdon and 9 to 23 Ashingdon Heights, Ashingdon.
- Agreeing the scope and considerations of the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) as it relates to Rochford District and delegating approval of the final SOC to the Assistant Director, Community and Housing Services.
- Adopting the Street Scene Enforcement Policy.

As always, I will be happy to take any questions from Members in respect of the work of the Executive and I am sure my Executive colleagues will be happy to contribute where appropriate."

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

92 SANCTUARY HOUSING ASSOCIATION – DEED OF VARIATION, TERMINATION AND COLLABORATION UPDATE

Council considered the exempt report of the Managing Director on the delivery of the objectives in the Deed of Variation, Termination and Collaboration between Rochford District Council and Sanctuary Housing Association.

Discussion included the precise nature of the investment by Sanctuary Housing, definitions of dwelling numbers, including social housing provision and the general situation with regard to registered housing providers.

Details of the debate on this item are set out in the exempt appendix to this Minute.

On a Motion, moved by Cllr M J Webb and seconded by Cllr M J Steptoe, it was:-

Resolved

That the progress and delivery of the objectives within the deed be noted.
(MD)

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm.

Chairman

Date

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