

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2021

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LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22

For the remainder of the municipal year, the appointments and delegations of executive functions will be as follows:

Portfolio Holders and Areas

There will be 7 Members of the Cabinet including the Leader:

Leader – Councillor Richard Blunt

- Strategic partnerships, District and County, regional and national engagement
- Specific focus on Coalville regeneration

Deputy Leader and Infrastructure Portfolio – Councillor Robert Ashman

- Human Resources/ Organisational Development
- Democratic Services
- Elections
- Performance
- Infrastructure including HS2 and East Midlands airport
- Development Corporation
- Freeport

Planning Portfolio – Councillor Keith Merrie

- Planning policy
- Development management
- Building control
- Strategic growth plan

Community Services Portfolio – Councillor Andrew Woodman

- Waste services
- Environmental protection
- Leisure services
- Health and well being
- Stronger and safer communities
- Environmental health
- Licensing

Corporate Portfolio – Councillor Nick Rushton

- Financial planning
- Financial services
- Payroll
- Procurement
- Treasury management
- Journey to self-sufficiency programme
- Legal services
- Audit

- Risk management
- Health and safety

Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio – Councillor Roger Bayliss

- Housing management
- Housing repairs
- Strategic housing
- Resident involvement
- Asset management and property services
- Customer services and digital transformation
- Revenues and benefits
- ICT and reprographics

Business and Regeneration Portfolio holder – Councillor Tony Gillard

- Business focus
- Cultural services
- Tourism
- Regeneration (excluding Coalville)
- Commercial Strategy

Executive Powers to be exercised

As in previous years the Executive responsibilities will be delegated to the Cabinet to take decisions collectively.

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QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR D BIGBY TO COUNCILLOR T GILLARD

“Ashby Tourist Information Centre (TIC) has been closed during the Covid restrictions and staff deployed to other duties to assist with Covid recovery. I have been told by officers and the portfolio holder that:

- It will NOT be re-opened this year
- NWLDC is currently reviewing the future of Ashby TIC and a report to Cabinet is being prepared
- it will not be re-opened unless the report recommends this.

The walk-in TIC at Ashby Library has made, and can continue to make, a valuable contribution to the local economy through providing the following important local services,

- promoting Ashby as a developing tourist destination
- furnishing visitors to Ashby with up-to-date information on local facilities, events and tourist attractions across the District
- providing a warm and friendly welcome to visitors
- providing local businesses and community groups with a means of publicising events and selling tickets to the public and visitors
- promoting the National Forest.

Does the portfolio holder agree with me that:

The permanent closure of Ashby TIC would represent a loss of the important local services listed above, would be highly detrimental to the local economy and replacement by an improved website would not constitute an adequate substitute?”

REPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR T GILLARD TO COUNCILLOR D BIGBY

“The council should be proud of the way that it responded to the Covid 19 Pandemic. We have had to make difficult decisions to cease or change the way we offered our services and redeploy staff to critical areas to make sure we continued to deliver priority services to the public, such as the Community Hub, waste services and distributing government grants to businesses. The TIC was closed and, as Cllr Bigby says, staff were redeployed. They were providing vital support to businesses to help them reopen and begin to grow again.

Cabinet continues to recognise the importance of the Visitor Economy to our district and after a horrendous 2020 and a bumpy 2021 we hope our tourism businesses will bounce back in 2022. We are working closely with businesses in the sector to help them “build back better”.

What we must ensure is that our investment remains relevant, delivering both value for money and positive impacts on the performance of the district as a tourist destination. Officers have been tasked with evaluating the impact of our cultural services, including through engagement with sector stakeholders. The outcome of the Service Review exercise will be reported later this year.

In summary, I thank Cllr Bigby for his question but would suggests that he waits until the Service Review has concluded and we have an opportunity to debate the findings”

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AGENDA ITEM 13 - APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATIONS

PART ONE

- (1) THAT COUNCILLOR R MORRIS BE APPOINTED TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR K MERRIE ON THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR;
- (2) THAT COUNCILLOR J SIMMONS BE APPOINTED TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR K MERRIE ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR;
- (3) THAT COUNCILLOR J SIMMONS BE APPOINTED TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR K MERRIE ON THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR;
- (4) THAT COUNCILLOR L GILLARD BE APPOINTED TO REPLACE K MERRIE AS A SUBSTITUTE ON THE CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR;
- (5) THAT THOSE LISTED IN THE SUBSTITUTION TABLE OVERLEAF BE APPOINTED AS ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES TO THE COMMITTEES AS SHOWN.

PART TWO

- (1) THAT NOMINATIONS BE SOUGHT TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR K MERRIE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR;

Nominations have been received for Councillors J Hoult and T Eynon. Therefore a vote will be taken.

- (2) THAT, DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE ABOVE VOTE, NOMINATIONS BE SOUGHT TO REPLACE J HOULT AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR;

A nomination has been received for Councillor R Morris so this will be voted on as the recommendation.

- (3) THAT NOMINATIONS BE SOUGHT TO REPLACE COUNCILLOR K MERRIE AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021/22 CIVIC YEAR

Nominations have been received for Councillors R Morris and J Legrys. Therefore a vote will be taken.

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ADDITIONAL NOMINEES TO THE SUBSTITUTION SCHEME

Committee	Group	Current Substitutes	No of additional Subs	Nominees
Planning	Con	R Ashman J Bridges E Allman	3	D Harrison G Hoult B Harrison-Rushton
	Lab	R Johnson S Sheahan	2	J Geary C Sewell
	Lib Dem	M French	1	J Windram
	Ind Gp	n/a	0	n/a
Community Scrutiny	Con	J Clarke R Morris	2	S Gillard L Gillard
	Lab	D Bigby C Sewell	2	J Legrys S Sheahan.
	Lib Dem	A Black	1	M French
	Ind Gp	A C Saffell	1	R Canny
Corporate Scrutiny	Con	K Merrie L Gillard V Richichi S Gillard	3	D Harrison J Simmons J Bridges
	Lab	D Everitt R Johnson	2	M Hay T Eynon.
	Lib Dem	M French	1	J Windram
	Ind Gp	C Benfield	1	R Canny
Licensing	Con	R Boam L Gillard D Harrison	3	T Gillard R Bayliss J Bridges.
	Lab	J Geary R Johnson	2	J Legrys D Bigby
	Lib Dem	A Black J Windram	2	N/A – all group members have a position.
	Ind Gp	C Benfield	1	R Canny
Employment JCC	Con	S Gillard L Gillard	2	R Morris J Simmons
	Lab	R Johnson	1	T Eynon
	Lib Dem	n/a	0	n/a
	Ind Gp	C Benfield	1	R Canny
Investigatory	Con	R Bayliss G Hoult	2	J Hoult R Morris
	Lab	D Everitt	1	J Geary
	Lib Dem	A Black	1	M French
	Ind Gp	n/a	0	n/a
Appointments	Con	R Bayliss N Rushton	2	T Gillard K Merrie
	Lab	J Legrys	1	D Bigby
	Lib Dem	n/a	0	n/a
	Ind Gp	C Benfield	1	R Canny
Electoral Review WG	Con	R Bayliss T Gillard	2	K Merrie R Morris
	Lab	C Sewell	1	D Bigby
	Lib Dem	M French	1	J Windram
	Ind Gp	n/a	0	n/a
Local Plan	Con	J Clarke G Hoult, B Harrison-Rushton	3	R Bayliss A Woodman A Bridgen
	Lab	J Geary R Johnson	2	T Eynon C Sewell
	Lib Dem	A Black	1	M French
	Ind Gp	R Canny	1	C Benfield

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Council Procedure Rules – Motions and Amendments

What members can do

- When seconding a motion, a member may reserve their speech until later in the debate (rule 14.3).
- Members may only speak once on a motion or amendment whilst it is being debated (rule 14.5, 14.5(a)).
- Members may also move a further amendment if the motion has been amended since they last spoke (rule 14.5(b)).
- Members can exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation during debate (rule 14.5(d), (e) and (f)).
- Members can speak on the main issues if their first speech was on an amendment (rule 14.5(c)).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on the motion, before it is put to the vote (rule 14.9.1).
- The mover of a motion has a right of reply at the close of debate on any amendment (rule 14.9.2).

What members can't do

- Members cannot make a speech until a motion has been seconded (rule 14.1).
- Members cannot speak again whilst a motion is being debated, except to exercise a right of reply, raise a point of order or make a personal explanation (rule 14.5, 14.5(a) to (f)).
- Members cannot speak for more than 5 minutes without the consent of the Chairman (rule 14.4).
- The mover of a motion may not speak on an amendment, other than to exercise his right of reply (rule 14.9.2).
- The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the close of debate (rule 14.9.3).

Motions and Amendments – Flowchart

