

MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Abbey Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

Present: Councillor R Blunt (Chair)

Councillors M B Wyatt, T Gillard, K Merrie MBE, A C Saffell and A C Woodman

In Attendance: Councillors S Sheahan

Officers: Mr J Arnold, Mr A Barton, Miss E Warhurst, Mr P Stone, Mr T Devonshire, Ms S Chatha and Mrs E Peachey

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor N Rushton.

40. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

41. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no questions received.

42. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2024 were considered.

It was moved by Councillor T Gillard, seconded by Councillor T Saffell, and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

43. CORPORATE CHARGING POLICY

The Leader of the Council presented the report, on behalf of the Corporate Portfolio Holder.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor T Saffell, and

RESOLVED THAT:

The Corporate Charging Policy (Appendix 1) be approved.

Reason for decision: As required by the Council's constitution.

44. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2023/24

The Leader of the Council presented the report, on behalf of the Corporate Portfolio Holder.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor K Merrie, and

RESOLVED THAT:

Chair's initials

1. The Council's approach to Treasury Management in 2023/24 be endorsed.
2. A future report covering activities in 2024/25 be requested.

Reason for decision: Informing Cabinet of the Council's Treasury Management Activity is statutory requirement.

45. REVIEW OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE POLICIES

The Leader of the Council presented the report, on behalf of the Corporate Portfolio Holder.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor A Woodman, and

RESOLVED THAT:

The corporate governance policies listed in paragraph 2 of the report be approved.

Reason for decision: To ensure that the Council has an up to date suite of governance policies in place reflecting the law and best practice.

46. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION POLICY AND ACTION PLAN

The Infrastructure Portfolio Holder presented the report.

A Member expressed a minor concern, and requested an amendment to the wording contained within paragraph 1.2 of the appendix, to make explicitly clear that all groups within the community would be treated equally. Officers accepted this.

It was moved by Councillor K Merrie, seconded by Councillor T Saffell, and

RESOLVED THAT:

Subject to amending paragraph 1.2 of the appendix to read 'all community groups', the updated Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and associated action plan be adopted.

Reason for decision: The previous Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy is out of date and thus required an update to be in line with current legislation and good practice.

47. MINUTES OF THE COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY

The Business and Regeneration Portfolio Holder presented the report.

It was moved by Councillor T Gillard, seconded by Councillor T Saffell, and

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The minutes of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party at appendix 1 be noted.
2. That there were no recommendations made by the Working Party at its meeting on 13 August 2024 be noted.

Reason for decision: So that the decisions of the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party can be considered.

48. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor T Gillard, and

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RESOLVED THAT:

In pursuance of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Reason for decision: To enable the consideration of exempt information.

49. SPORT ENGLAND SWIMMING POOL SUPPORT FUND

The Communities and Climate Change Portfolio Holder presented the report.

A discussion was had.

It was moved by Councillor M Wyatt, seconded by Councillor R Blunt, and

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations contained within the report be approved.

Reason for decision: To seek approval from Cabinet to claim a grant of £242,259 from the Swimming Pool Support Fund to install additional solar panels at Whitwick and Coalville Leisure Centre.

50. COMMERCIAL LETTINGS

The Housing, Property and Customer Services Portfolio Holder presented the report.

It was moved by Councillor A Woodman, seconded by Councillor T Gillard, and

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendation contained within the report be approved.

Reason for decision: To enable the letting of Council owned commercial properties to proceed and rental income to be generated.

51. AWARD OF CONTRACTS

The Leader of the Council presented the report, on behalf of the Corporate Portfolio Holder.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor K Merrie, and

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations contained within the report be approved.

Reason for decision: to comply with the contract procedure rules.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.15 pm

Chair's initials

