



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 27TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM

AGENDA ITEM NO	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
1	Apologies for Absence	To note any apologies for absence from Councillors.	Apologies were received from Cllrs A Whelan and Denness.	
2	Councillor Requests for Dispensations	To note any Councillor requests for dispensations.	No requests for dispensations were received.	
3	Declarations of Interests	To note any declaration of interests from Councillors.	No declarations of interests were received.	
4	Minutes of the last meeting held on the 16th August 2021 and Matters Arising	To agree the minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising from these.	The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th August 2021 were agreed as a true record, with the addition to the minute for item 7 as follows:- She also said if the Council was not satisfied then there would not be a report available as the Council cannot dictate her reports from outside bodies are presented to them. They were signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.	
5	Chairman's Announcements	To receive any announcements from the Chairman.	There were no announcements.	

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6	To Receive a Presentation by Joan Wall from the Ely Refugee Resettlement Campaign	To receive a presentation by Joan Wall from the Ely Refugee Resettlement Campaign	Joan Wall gave a brief history of how the Group was formed and what their aims are. They have been appealing to landlords for empty properties for the current refugee situation and have asked ECDC if they have any houses available. Cllr Every agreed to give them the contact details of an officer at ECDC that may be able to assist them. Cllr Rouse congratulated them on what they were trying to do and confirmed that the Council would offer them support and contact ECDC on their behalf. The Clerk confirmed she had already written to the Chief Executive of ECDC and had received a response that afternoon. She read out the response which said the Councils of Cambridgeshire have adopted the same approach as they did for Syrian refugees with Cambridge City acting as the lead agency. This enables a cross boundary and multi-agency approach. All Councils refer offers for accommodation to Cambridge City, in ECDC's case from private landlords. He understood that they had already had a number of offers which had been forwarded to the lead agency. The Mayor thanked the Group for attending and informing the Council of all their hard work.	EE

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7	To Welcome and Meet Inspector Shane Fasey	To welcome and meet Inspector Shane Fasey	Inspector Fasey introduced himself to the Council and explained the current staffing at Ely Police Station. He also set out their priorities and encouraged the Council to publicise the Police's website where parishioners can leave comments as to the issues that are bothering them so they can be addressed. This will help the Police gain evidence to enable them to act on certain issues. He agreed to come back to a future meeting to talk about their Engagement Strategy.	All Councillors/TC
8	To Receive an Update from Sally Bonnett and Angela Briggs from East Cambs District Council regarding the Ely North Development Plans	To receive an update from Sally Bonnett and Angela Briggs from East Cambs District Council regarding the Ely North Development Plans	Sally Bonnett gave Angela Briggs' apologies as she was unwell. She gave an update on the current planning position and the progress that was being made by the developers. She then provided an update on the community facilities, which included the country park, retail units, pub, community hub, allotments, walking and cycling provision and transport provision. The City of Ely Allotments & Gardens Association had asked the Council representative, Cllr Wilkins to ask some questions of the officer. These had been passed to her to respond after the meeting as she did not have the information to hand. Cllr Wilkins also raised concerns with regard to the soil condition and contamination in the area allocated for allotments and the delay in handing over this area. Cllr Rouse said that the plan for this area was adopted in 2015 and yet the country park had still not been provided. He was disappointed in the attitude of the Church Commissioners as they had not agreed to move this forward but were waiting for the agreed house sales before they had to do so. Sally Bonnett agreed to provide the information she had provided in written form to the Clerk.	TC/KW

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9	Question Time	To receive questions from members of the public.	A parishioner suggested the Church Commissioners be approached to make a couple of the new houses in the North of Ely available for refugee families.	
10	Reports from County Councillors and District Councillors	To receive reports from County Councillors and District Councillors.	No reports were received.	
11	Mayor's Engagements and Report	To receive a report from the Mayor on the engagements they had attended.	The Mayor had attended the Freemasons NHS celebration, new Mayors and Chairs BBQ at RAF Mildenhall, RAF Lakenheath reception, Joan Mann Special Sports Day at RAF Mildenhall, the Ely Cemetery open day and the Sessions House heritage open day. The Deputy Mayor had attended a service to commemorate the 81st Anniversary of the Battle of Britain at Thetford.	
12	Planning	To receive a report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee on the planning applications considered at the meeting before the Full Council meeting.	Councillors noted the report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee.	
13	Information Only Items	To receive and note items for information only.	Councillors noted the items for information only.	

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14	Committee Reports	To receive reports of Committee meetings	<p>Councillors noted the reports from the Committee meetings:- Personnel, Finance & Governance, CIL Sub-Committee, Climate & Environment, Assets and Tourism and Town Centre minutes – decisions will be detailed in minutes, plus in Committee decision lists issued after the meetings. PF&G – Cllr C Whelan proposed the grant application recommendations be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Bellow and unanimously approved. Cllr Morgan proposed the recommendation for a bid from the Assets Committee for CIL funding for £20,000 for the purchase of play equipment at the play area at Cherry Hill be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Phillips and unanimously approved. Cllr Morgan proposed the appointment of Human Capital Department to undertake the staff pay review. This was seconded by Cllr Lindsay and unanimously approved. Assets – Cllr Rouse wished to record the Council’s thanks to the Deputy Clerk for producing the report on the Maltings. This was very much appreciated. Cllr Every asked if the Council would like the Maltings Working Group to move forward with the issues that need addressing. This was agreed. Tourism & Town Centre – Cllr Warman proposed the Council approve the recommendation from the meeting that the quote from Studio Nova for the new websites be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Every and unanimously approved. Cllr Every wished to record her thanks to Mrs Bennett, the Tourism & Town Centre Manager for all her hard working in moving the service forward, especially in the way she engages with the local</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>Maltings Working Group</p> <p>TC/AB</p>

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			businesses. She also thanked the Clerk, who has been working very closely with her.	
15	Reports from External Meetings	To receive reports from external meetings.	Councillors noted the notes of a meeting of the Ely Ribe Association held on the 8th September 2021 Cllr Every informed members she had now taken over as the new Council representative for the Paradise Centre. She has had a meeting with the Manager where they discussed the site as being a possible location for the Splashpad. Any decision will have to be made by the board of Trustees. There will be a meeting held soon, so will need to wait for this decision before the Splashpad Group can move forward	EE
16	To Formally Appoint Ms Blanca Richardson to the Post of Part Time Tourist Information Assistant and to Pass a Resolution that both she and Ms Sonia Taylor be Specified as Pensionable Employees Under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as Amended)	To formally appoint Ms Blanca Richardson to the post of part-time Tourist Information Assistant and to pass a resolution that both she and Ms Sonia Taylor be specified as pensionable employees under regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended)	Cllr Morgan proposed the appointment of Ms Richardson and that both she and Ms Taylor be specified as pensionable employees under Regulation B1(5) of the Local Government Regulations 1986 (as amended). This was seconded by Cllr Ganivet and unanimously approved.	TC
17	To Consider Report Regarding Changes to a Staff Member's Working Days at Oliver Cromwell House	To consider report regarding changes to a staff member's working days at Oliver Cromwell House	Councillors considered the Clerk's report regarding these changes. Cllr Morgan proposed approval of these changes with effect from the 1st November 2021. This was seconded by Cllr Rouse and unanimously approved	TC

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18	To Note the Completion of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31st March 2021 From PKF Littlejohn LLP	To note the completion of the annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31st March 2021 from PKF Littlejohn LLP	Councillors noted the completion of the limited assurance review of the Council's annual return for the year ended 31st March 2021 by the external auditors, PKF Littlejohn LLP. On the basis of their review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in their opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR was in accordance with proper practices and no other matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met. Cllr Every thanked the Clerk on all the hard work she had undertaken to achieve this.	
19	To Make Comments on a Street Trading Consent Application for Mr JJ Spices – 120 New Barns Avenue, Ely, CB7 4RF	To make comments on a street trading consent application	Councillors unanimously agreed this application should be refused on the grounds of it being in a residential area and close to a school so is an inappropriate location. It is likely to attract noise and disturbance to neighbours and also litter. Councillors were also concerned this will increase traffic in this area.	TC
20	To Consider Request Made to the CIL Sub-Committee for a Bid for CIL Funds for CCTV Upgrade	To consider request made to the CIL Sub-Committee for a bid for CIL funds for CCTV upgrade	<i>Due to the sensitive nature of this item, it was taken in Committee at the end of the meeting.</i> Cllr Rouse proposed this request be approved, which was seconded by Cllr Morgan. Members agreed by a vote of 10 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention of approving this request for funding.	TC

21	Finance	To note and approve payments of the Council and to note the bank reconciliations for the periods ending 31st July 2021 and 31st August 2021	Councillors noted and approved the payments of the Council and noted the bank reconciliations for the periods ending 31st July 2021 and 31st August 2021.	
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